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BAPTIST-DISCIPLES TO GET UNION PLAN IN 1953

SAN FRANCISCO—(RNS)—Progress on a proposed merger with Disciples of Christ was reported to delegates attending the annual meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention here.

The status of negotiations with the Disciples was outlined by Dr. Hillyer H. Straton of Malden, Mass., chairman of a Northern Baptist conference which is studying the proposed union, and co-chairman with the Rev. Gaines M. Cook, of the Disciples of Christ, of a joint commission on merger.

Under the plan accepted here by the Baptist delegates, the joint commission will submit to the annual meeting of both denominations in 1953 "a basis of union" for consideration in 1954. This document will be voted on in 1955 after study by and submission to individual Northern Baptist and Disciples churches.

Dr. Straton said he and his colleagues were "unanimously and unreservedly opposed to moving more rapidly toward ultimate union" with the Disciples than "the vast majority of our people want us to go."

In other actions on the proposed merger, the Convention voted:

- (1) That Northern Baptists and Disciples

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Ask Union Of All Baptist Groups In United States

SAN FRANCISCO—(RNS)—In a surprise move, the Northern Baptist Convention voted unanimously at its annual meeting here to invite all Baptist groups in the country to join in forming a single denomination.

The unity move came during consideration of a report of the Commission of Review, which recommended that the Northern Baptist Convention change its name to the American Baptist Convention, thus eliminating territorial implications.

Since the Northern Baptist Convention is already negotiating for a merger with the Disciples of Christ, a consolidation of all Baptist forces would make the resultant denomination by far the largest unified Protestant group in the country with a membership of about 15,000,000.

Meanwhile the delegates delayed action on changing the name of the denomination until the 1950 meeting, and recommended that the proposal be discussed during the next year by member churches.

The unity move was launched with a motion by Dr. Hillyer H. Straton of Malden, Mass., which proposed that

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MILLER ADDRESSED SBC ON 'BEARING TITHES'

By PERRY HAYDEN
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Little did I realize when I took Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour that He also would be my healing physician, my patient teacher, my wise counselor, and my unseen partner in business. Little did I realize on the afternoon of September 26, 1940, when we quietly planted a few kernels of wheat to prove one of God's greatest blessings that nine years later I would be standing on the platform of the Southern Baptist Convention, which I regard as one of the greatest dynamic organizations in all Christendom today, to give my personal testimony.

As a Christian businessman I am here because God has laid a burning conviction on my heart that we should always "Bear our Tithes and Offerings."

At a young people's meeting of our church, held in Columbus, Ohio, in June, 1930, I felt led to offer myself as a volunteer for the foreign mission work. You can imagine my surprise when the pastor advised me to "go home, make all the money I could make, give all I could give and

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Weekly Giving To Missions Advised For Advance Program

By W. BARRY GARRETT, Editor
Arizona Baptist Beacon

We believe that Arizona Baptists have discovered a revolutionary method of giving to missions; the plan of "week by week giving to missions by the churches."

Scriptural Principle

This plan is simply applying the scriptural doctrine of making offerings every week to church and denominational cooperation in the realm of missions.

It is accepted by all that the Bible teaches Christians to bring their gifts on the first day of the week. The purpose of this, according to the Apostle Paul, is to eliminate the necessity of high-pressure special offerings. (I Cor. 16:2.)

Our churches and denomination should go a step further and emphasize that this needs to be done on the scriptural basis of weekly giving, not only on the part of the individual but on the part of the church.

This is the Answer

We are all conscious of the advance program of our Foreign Mission Board as well as of all our other Boards and agencies. What we need now is a method of enlisting our

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Dr. Rankin Begins 6th Year As Foreign Mission Secretary

FIRST MISSIONARY EVER ELECTED TO THAT POST

By MARJORIE E. MOORE, Managing Editor of the Commission

A mild-mannered former prisoner of the Japanese will soon complete his fifth year as a foreign missionary to the home folks. When the Rev. Dr. M. Theron Rankin of South Carolina was elected on D-Day (June 6) to become the seventh executive secretary of the hundred-year-old Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., he had no desire to quit China where he had worked for twenty years.

But he was the first missionary ever to be offered the job and only a missionary can know what's what on the foreign front. Before he took over January 1, 1945, Dr. Rankin had acquired a working knowledge of the Board's missions in Africa, Europe, the Near East, and Latin America to add to his

intimate knowledge of the Orient. He had studied the home field, too, and he dared to believe that if somebody would challenge the churches to tackle the work of Christian education and evangelism as a global task, they would be better churches.

He remembered the national record of 1942-45 in industry. "The American people just played around at the job of winning a world war," he reasoned, "until they were given a colossal task. When they realized they had to equip all the Allies in order to win, they amazed even themselves with the results. Baptists are like that; they'll piddle at the job of world evangelization until doom's day unless they begin to see that a church of any size can be worldwide

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DR. M. THERON RANKIN

Southern Baptist Gains and Losses in 1948 6,491,981 Members, 312,246 Baptisms Is An All-Time High; CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALL CAUSES WERE \$156,605,521

By PORTER ROUTH, Secretary
Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information Baptist Sunday School Board

The post-war surge of Southern Baptists continued on through 1948, showing new record gains in baptisms, organizational enrollment, and gifts for both local and mission causes.

The 312,246 baptisms reported by the 26,822 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention territory was the largest ever reported in any one year. This evangelistic activity pushed the total membership in the churches to a new high of 6,491,981.

Sunday school enrollment gained 303,699 to make the total number now enrolled in Bible study 4,308,374.

Training Union enrollment climbed 150,920 to exceed the one million mark for the first time. The reports now show 1,078,828 enrolled in the training work of the churches.

The associational reports show the W. M. U. enrolled 97,891 additional members for a total of 859,798. Membership in Brotherhoods increased 22,082 to make the total 119,228.

Of the 26,822 churches, 25,305 report Sunday schools, 13,242 report Training Unions, 13,335 report W. M. U. organizations, and 3,453 report Brotherhoods. There are 3,091 churches sponsoring all four organizations, 6,875 additional sponsoring Sunday school, Training Union, and W. M. U., and 8,768 sponsoring a Sun-

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DR. RANKIN BEGINS 6TH

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in scope if it has a world program."

In five years Dr. Rankin has traveled a hundred thousand miles in the Southern parts of the U. S. A., in addition to at least one trip abroad annually, to sell the members of 26,000 Baptist churches a vastly enlarged program of world missions as the only hope of permanent peace. At first it was general, but he and his associates spent the first three days of 1948 in a hotel room in a small Virginia town, working out a program of advance, station by station, country by country, in the three big areas of the Board's missions. After that he presented the Advance Program of the Foreign Board.

His record as a missionary and his utter sincerity backed up his words, and that program was unanimously adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1948. In 1949 the Convention adopted a program of advance for its total life. Now "Advance" is the keyword of the largest body of Baptists in the world.

The man who got the idea first is still traveling all over the territory, speaking in state conventions, city-wide schools of missions, regional assemblies, and local churches, and talking with laymen, women leaders, pastors, and young people about Christianity from the hearth to the "utmost parts." Missions in Dr. Rankin's vocabulary is no geographical term; it is all of life. He gets around so much nowadays, his partner in the world mission enterprise, since their marriage in China in 1922 finds it hard to keep up with his work.

"If Theron Rankin didn't pray about all he's doing, I'd never know what the score is," Mrs. Rankin complained one day. "At family prayers he tells the Lord more than he ever gets around to telling me."

The executive secretary's prayers are echoed all over the territory. Three slogans are in use: "Every Baptist a tither," "Fifty-Fifty by 1950" and "That the World May Know." Church folks in the Southern half of the U. S. A. feel guilty if they spend more than half of their regular receipts in their own church community.

They are also beginning to think in big terms about church work. The overseas staff of the Convention which was one time frozen at 350 has grown to 679 and the goal is now 1,750. Instead of 119 centers in 25 nations, Southern Baptists are now talking about 300 centers in 35 or more nations; and that calls for an annual overseas budget of \$10,000,000 instead of the niggardly \$3,000,000 now in force.

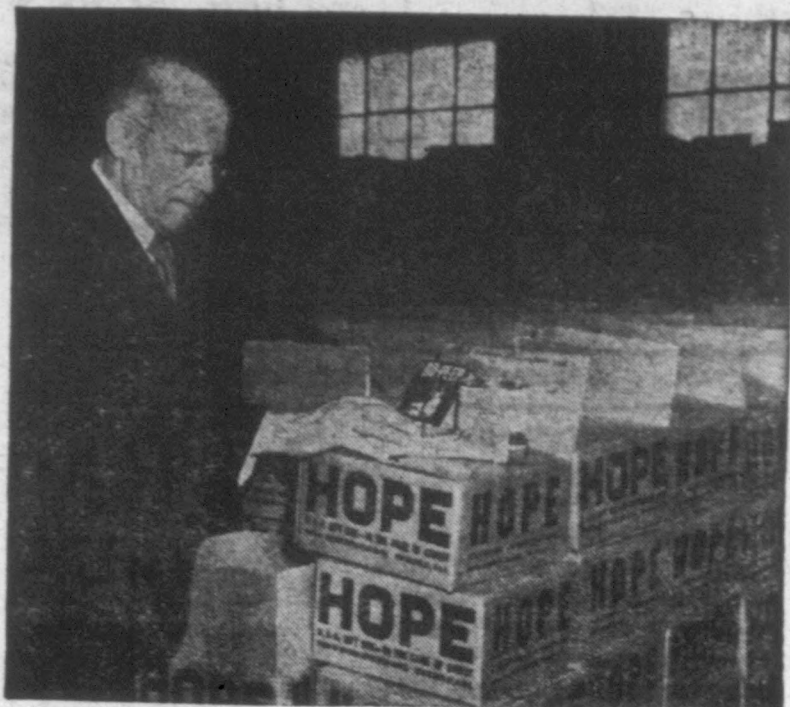
Proportionate gains in all denominational activity will be realized, the Foreign Board has proved, if these goals are attained for foreign missions.

The man who inspired this program of advance is anything but an ecclesiastical big shot. Only five feet eight, just 160 pounds, he suffers badly by contrast with his predecessor, the massive Dr. Charles E. Madge of Raleigh, N. C.

Has No Priorities

For speaking engagements he has no priorities. On the train back from a state convention he found that the man next to him in the diner was a young preacher who was struggling

German President Expresses Thanks



DR. JACOB MEISTER, above, president of the Union (convention) of Baptist churches in Germany and head of the Baptist Relief organization of that country, breathed a prayer of thanksgiving in New Orleans as he saw hundreds of HOPE food boxes being packed for shipment overseas by the Southern Baptist Relief Center. Tenderly, he examined the contents of one of the boxes and said, "If only you knew what it means to my people, especially the old ones, to receive one of these boxes." In America to thank Southern Baptists for the 2,916,502 pounds of relief supplies sent to Germany through the Southern Baptist Relief Center, Dr. Meister was wearing a suit given to him as "relief."

Five dollars will send an eleven pound Help Other People Eat food box to anyone you name—or, if you desire, the Relief Center will ship the box to the regular consignee for distribution where most needed. Dr. Meister was particularly pleased with the fact that a copy of the Gospel in German is placed in each box going to his country. Send your money to 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans.

hard to keep his church awake.

"My people need a message on missions," he confided after the conversation got going. "I know we can't expect the Board secretaries to come to a little church like ours, but if you could know some time when you are coming our way, we would be glad to arrange a service any time of the day or night to hear you speak."

Dr. Rankin put down his fork and took out his little red book and a pencil. "What Sunday would you like to have a missionary message?" he asked as he thumbed pages.

"Would you come for a Sunday?" gasped the young man.

The foreign secretary spent the day in the village church. "They are wonderful folks up there," he reported at the home office the next day. "I had a grand time with them."

He averages about four Sundays a year in his home church, Richmond's First Baptist.

In February, Dr. Rankin and three of his associates in the Richmond office went to Jamaica, Costa Rica, Colombia, and Venezuela to survey Baptist missions and churches. At the San Jose airport, the young missionary met the party, not with the usual limousine transportation into the city, but with the typical Costa Rican ex-car. So impressed was a local reporter with the uniqueness of these good-humored North American visitors, the afternoon paper carried a two-column headline, showing the four Foreign Board representatives riding through the streets of the capital in the two-wheeled cart. It proclaimed "In Ox-cart—and without griping."

Reads, Plays Tennis, Cooks

Carl Sandburg's thousand-page Remembrance Book is, in Dr. Rankin's opinion, one of the great books of all time.

Tennis is the foreign secretary's forgotten sport. A case full of trophies prove it. In Canton and in

Shanghai he played regularly. Now he takes time to engage in only spectator sports and that very rarely, chiefly to be with his family or a group of Baptist students where he is a campus speaker. In China he was president of Rotary.

Dr. Rankin's lifelong hobby has been collecting vases. "Nothing costly," he says when guests admire the cloisonne from China. Many a museum would prize a couple of them.

Unquestionably his most delightful diversion is furnished by his family, two daughters and Mrs. Rankin. With them he revels in picnics, fishing and hunting expeditions during vacation, and long theological conversations provoked by inquiring young minds.

Mrs. Rankin was born in China of Southern Baptist missionary parents. She was appointed by the Foreign Board one year before Theron Rankin applied for appointment, but they became engaged in Louisville while they were students at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and W. M. U. Training School. Dr. Rankin spent his first furlough at Louisville to earn his doctor's degree in theology. Five honorary doctorates have since been conferred.

The man of the Rankin household feels quite at home in the kitchen. He worked his way through Wake Forest College three years by making biscuits. By some means the Japanese administrators of Stanley Prison at Hong Kong discovered this fact about their missionary intern in December, 1941, and until his repatriation on the first trip of the Gripsholm June, 1942, M. Theron Rankin was neck deep in flour. He was also vice-chairman of the internees' self-government.

The Foreign Board executive who took over in 1945 found himself the head of a well-organized home office. "Every team has to have a captain," he said at the first staff meet-

Blue Mtn. Prizes Awarded

President Lawrence T. Lowrey has announced some of the annual awards at Blue Mountain College. The B. G. Lowrey scholarship award on the basis of character, scholarship and leadership went to Charla Walters, Laurel.

The Nettie Courtney Paris award, offered in encouragement of such character traits as characterize an energetic, effective, loyal, sincere and consecrated student, was awarded to Cleo Tumblin, Laurens, S. C.

Three piano students tied for the Rosa Mae Kennedy award which goes to the student of exceptional music ability and artistry. The students are: Eva Marie Keith, Blue Mountain; Nell Keen, Elaine, Ark.; and Marian Mann, Brownsville, Tenn.

Marna Jean Hocom, Memphis, Tenn., received the Florence Connally Tyler award, presented to the student who, in the opinion of the student body, most naturally exemplifies the "fruit" of the Christian Spirit as depicted in Galatians 5:22.

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SAN FRANCISCO—(RNS)—TWO California clergymen were honored by the Northern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting here for their contributions to rural church work. The Rev. Scott Wallis of Julia and the Rev. Floyd Steward Brown of Rio Vista were awarded the denomination's Rosa O. Hall award for outstanding pastoral work in the town and country fields.

ing. "That's all I am. We will work together for the world mission program of Southern Baptists."

For a preacher he has a remarkable head for figures. Dealing in big sums of money, he never forgets that they are the dimes, quarters, and dollars from hundreds of thousands of individuals, and they are dedicated to the service of human beings in all parts of the world.

Christian Democracy Most Effective

In the national drive for church union, Dr. Rankin is surprised though not embarrassed to find his name listed as a spokesman for the opposition. When he spoke at the 1949 meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America against that organization's merger with the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, he expressed his personal opinion that organic union defeats spiritual unity.

"We should like to maintain a relationship with other Christians on the basis of mutual respect and appreciation as followers of Christ, but we cannot enter into any relationship which involves organic union," he declared.

Dr. Rankin considers it no personal nor denominational victory that the Conference voted to stay independent of the national organization, but the proponents blame him for the negative vote.

The genius of American Christianity, Dr. Rankin contends, is religious freedom. Hierarchy no matter how innocently developed is a permanent threat to liberty. In his leadership of the foreign mission activity of 6 1-2 million church members held together by no bonds except that of voluntary co-operation, M. Theron Rankin believes Southern Baptists can prove that true Christian democracy is more effective than church union under any form of moral or social coercion.

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says:

"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8



Our office secretaries are on the front line among our best helpers. So they have been all along. We have had only fine ones all along. We now have two of the best in the persons of Miss Ernestine Cooper, Morton, and Mrs. Ennabel Alexander, Macon and Meridian.

Miss Cooper is a graduate of Mississippi College and a fine Christian. Mrs. Alexander is a Blue Mountain girl. She taught Speech Arts and is a fine Christian.

They handle our correspondence, help with the column material and tracts, receive visitors and perform many other helpful services. We could not get along without fine office help.

Also they can answer almost any of your questions about the work. They know!

Notice to Pastors and Treasurers!

Get your monies in now! At the end of June we print all receipts for January-June, 1949. Make it your best for Christ!

II

"A good thing to remember, and a better thing to do, is work with the construction gang, and not with the wrecking crew."

There are just two crews at work in the world—

1. The wrecking crew. They divide a church. They divide an association. They destroy friendships. They kill fellowship. They stop progress. They withhold money—even the Lord's money—they toy with it as if it were a marble. They work with the devil. Revelation 12:7-12.

Thank God He is greater than any wrecking crew.

2. The construction crew. They build. They do things helpfully. They build with God. II Corinthians 6:1. They build the church. They win the lost. They train the saved. They support His work.

The construction crew put into the work of Christ more money for last May than they did for the same month a year ago. Doxology!

Thank God for the construction crew!

III

Do you know about the personnel and program of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary? A new tract is just off the press describing the work of this new institution. In addition to the reading material there are whole pages of interesting pictures showing negro leaders with their families. It is splendid for study in Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, prayer meeting, etc.

IV

CLIMBING TO HELL

By DR. MONROE PARKER

Ph.D., D. D.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." —Rev. 21:8.

The Fearful

The fearful, moral cowards; people who are afraid to stand for their convictions. They are the fearful. You know,

there is a kind of bulldog bravery; a man isn't afraid of a physical fight; he will face the bullets, but lacks moral courage. He lacks the courage that stands up for the right; lacks the courage to stand in the gap; to buck it; lacks the courage to stand against those who are doing wrong. He bows down and cringes in the face of public opinion. He is a coward. That attitude of heart and mind is typical of those who go to Hell. The fearful shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, not because they are afraid. People do not go to Hell for their sins; they go to Hell because they do not know Jesus Christ. But there are people who have not the courage to step out for Jesus. The fearful go to Hell.

The Unbelieving

The unbelieving. That is why people go to Hell, because of unbelief. Salvation is a matter of belief. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." A hundred and one times in the Gospel of John we are told to believe, and before John completes his writings, he says, "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." But there is a difference in believing about Jesus and believing in Jesus. You can believe about Jesus and go to Hell. The Greek word which is translated "believe" means "to trust." It means to trust with the heart as well as to believe with the head. It means to give heart assent as well as intellectual assent to a fact. And there are people who believe about Jesus who have never believed in Jesus. "Everybody that's talkin' 'bout Heab'n ain't a goin' there."

You know there are a lot of people who talk about trusting Jesus who do not trust Jesus. I am talking to some young person who has been reared in church, and you have talked about believing in Jesus Christ, but there has never been a time when you have actually put your faith in Jesus. I am talking to some young person who has never been born again.

Never Been Saved

I had a young person in the inquiry room last night to tell me that he had never made it a personal matter, and that he had never believed in Jesus. He

had just been believing about Jesus from the time he was a little child, but he had never accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour. Last night he let Jesus come into his heart.

Very often a student will come to my office and say something like this: "I'm sure I have never actually been saved before. I'm sure that I have never trusted Jesus Christ in my heart before. I have just been reared in a Christian home and I have given assent to these things and I have agreed that the gospel is true and that Christ was the Son of God, but I have never believed in Jesus before. I want to trust Him as my Saviour." There are people here who have believed in Him, then they look to themselves and began to wonder if they are actually saved. They need to find assurance in the Word of God. But people go to Hell because they do not believe. It is a matter of belief. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." What you believe determines what you do. What you believe determines the course of your life. When you put your faith in Jesus Christ, that brings the power of God into your heart and into your life to perform a miracle and to make you a child of God. But people go to Hell because of unbelief.

God places the unbeliever in the same class with thieves and sorcerers and idolaters and whoremongers and liars, and says they will go to Hell.

The Abominable

The abominable. Who are the abominable? I turn back to Proverbs and find out who they are. The sixth chapter of Proverbs: "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him." The word Abomination means a foul smell. It means a stench in the nostrils. These six things are a stench in God's nostrils.

A Proud Look

These things smell bad to God. "A proud look." God says that He has to hold His nose when He sees a proud look. Some people strut around and look so proud. Some people are too proud to bow down at the feet of Jesus. Pride is the root of all sin. Pride was the actuating cause of man's rebellion against God back in the Garden of Eden. Pride is the basis of sin. Selfishness. Pride. God can't use a proud person. You have to be humble. You have to come down to the feet of Jesus. You cannot even be saved until you are willing to admit that you are dependent upon another for your salvation. If you are too proud to admit that you need a Saviour, you cannot be saved. You are so proud, and you say, "I'll work it out myself." Then you cannot be saved. You will go to Hell. A proud person goes to Hell. God dwells in the heart of the humble.

A Lying Tongue

"A proud look, a lying tongue." People who have lying tongues, the abominable, have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. "A lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood." You had better leave the innocent alone. Look out how you treat God's innocent people! Look out how you treat the innocent!

Mischief

"Hands that shed innocent blood, feet that be swift in running to mischief." You know, some people are always ready to get into mischief. Oh, I do not mean just having innocent fun. I am talking about mischief. That is what God is talking about. Sin. There are some people who are swift to run to mischief. Always ready to go. A lot of people are ready to do the thing that is wrong. I wish I had time to stop on all this. This is really not part of my message. It is a kind of preliminary. That is why I am hurrying so.

False Witness

"A false witness that speaketh lies." Now, we read up here that a lying tongue is abominable to God. Then we read about a liar in the text which I read from Revelation.

Wicked Imaginations

"An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." These things are a stench in God's nostrils. These things smell bad to God. When He sees a person like that, He has to hold His nose. You make Him sick. And the abominable have their part in the lake of fire.

Murderers

The murderers. Oh, you say, "Don't preach on murder in a respectable congregation like this, in a Christian university. Don't talk about murder. There are no people around here guilty of that." I have seen young people kill their elders. I have seen young people kill people whom they did not mean to kill. I know a boy in this congregation tonight who is breaking the heart of his mother because he just is not right. He does not care. All the murderers are not behind bars. I shall never forget when it dawned upon me that my sins crucified Jesus Christ and I was guilty of deicide. I was guilty of homicide, yes, I killed the God-man. I killed Jesus. My sins nailed Jesus to the cross, and so did yours. When Jesus was on the cross of Calvary He cried, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" I can tell you why God forsook Him. It was because our dirty, filthy sins were upon Him. It was because you are a sinner. I do not care who you are. You may be a morally, manly young man; you may be a pure, sweet, refined, modest, virtuous young woman, but if you have not been born again, you sit here in this building tonight in darkness and in sin and headed for a hopeless Hell. Your life is sinful. I do not care how moral you are, you have fallen short of the glory of God and you are a sinner. You nailed Jesus to the cross, and you are guilty. You are a murderer; guilty of the death of the Son of God. One day you are going to face Him at the judgment, guilty of His blood. Murderers go to Hell.

Whoremongers

They are the unclean people, adulterers, people whose minds dwell in the filth and sin, whether they are guilty of the overt act of sin, who in their hearts are adulterers. Jesus said, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5:27, 28). These have part in the lake of fire.

Sorcerers

You young people stay away from fortunetellers and sorcerers. Stay away from these old mediums. I have had them come around revival meetings and tell me they could get in touch with another world, or call up the dead. It is of the Devil. Nine-tenths of it is pure trickery, and the rest of it is of the Devil. Many scholars believe that it is of the Devil. Actually, some of these people who have given themselves over to that sort of thing can go into a trance and the Devil himself can come in and speak and imitate some departed loved one. There is only one record of the actual calling up of the dead. God allowed the witch of Endor to call up Samuel. It was contrary to the usual procedure because it almost scared the old witch out of her wits. She screamed and cried out with a loud voice. She saw the real Samuel. God allowed it to happen. But you stay away from people like that.

Liars

"All liars." Now, that is three times in this text we have found liars. We found them twice in the classification of the abominable, and we find them here. "A lying tongue," "a false witness that speaketh lies," and "all liars." All liars shall have their part in hell, in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Excerpt from sermon in the "Sword of the Lord," May 20 issue.)

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Why We Do Not Join

During the past few months several people have asked us why Southern Baptists do not join the Federal Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. The latest question along this line came from an editor whose denomination is a member of both bodies. We have tried to answer each person briefly and perhaps too briefly. Recently Dr. M. E. Dodd wrote a young man, who is a member of the First church, Shreveport and a ministerial student explaining the Southern Baptist position in such a fine way that we are passing it on to our readers, slightly condensed, with a hearty "Amen."

"In years past, the enemies of our Baptist freedom, message and mission sought to silence our testimony by persecution. today, the effort is made with perfume. If Baptists should yield to these soft and wooing voices, there would soon be no distinctive Baptist message in the world. The same thing would happen to them that happened to Algie. Algie went for a walk; Algie met a bear. The bear was bulgy; the bulge was Algie.

Baptists, therefore, cannot afford to enter into these compromising positions and Southern Baptists have resolved several times not to do so on the following ground:

1. Because Southern Baptists are and all other Baptists should be, passionately and aggressively Evangelical—Evangelistic, New Testament Christians. The New Testament program is expansion and not concentration. It is a definite fact that every case of union has reduced the total number of people they win to Christ.

2. Because Southern Baptists and all Baptists should be democratic in their form of government and in their attitudes and conduct. Their very genius, which we believe is that of New Testament Christianity, makes it impossible to unite with others of such divergent methods and message. It is like yoking the ox and

the ass together, which God's law prohibits—"How can two walk together except they be agreed." Southern Baptists will not go into the Council for the same reason that Jews and Roman Catholics do not go in; namely, because their mission, message, and method of operation do not permit.

3. Because the sole authority for the Baptist faith and practice is the Word of God, and having received from Christ the great Commission, it cannot be delegated to other individuals or groups of persons. Christ commands us to preach the gospel to every creature; and to unite with others, places inhibitions and prohibitions as to where we shall preach. When Southern Baptists entered California, they found towns of several thousand people in which there was no church because Northern Baptists were prohibited from entering these towns by the Federal Council of Churches with which they were associated.

4. Southern Baptists have not affiliated with the Federal Council of the World Council of Churches, and we believe no Baptist should do so, because we believe that the first and fundamental method for securing moral conduct and proper social action is not by outward compulsion or numerical strength, which is tantamount to force, but by the New Testament principle of regeneration and a new life in Christ.

5. Because we have observed that most, if not all the movements toward union are the expression of a defeatist spirit and defeatist attitude. It is an effort to make a show of numbers and influence by uniting rather than by winning the multitudes to Christ and the Church. The Rev. Cooke who made his appeal at Copenhagen is an example; he is at the head of Evangelism for the Baptist Union of England and they have had a net loss in membership of their church for a number of years.

When Southern Baptists and Northern Baptists separated 100 years ago, there were a great many more members in the Northern group than in the Southern. Today there are 1,500,000 Northern Baptists and 6,300,000 Southern Baptists. In 1912 there were 13,245 churches affiliated with the Northern Baptist Convention, and in 1948 the Annual shows 7,124.

Southern Baptists have been content to attend to their own business of Evangelizing and building up 27,000 churches and thereby contributing to the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

If all Baptists would put as much time, energy and money into evangelizing and building up

Baptist Church as some Baptists do in working for union with others, the Kingdom of God would be a great deal better off.

7. Southern Baptists do not affiliate with interdenominational councils because our affiliation with others would be a betrayal of our martyred dead in past ages and of those heroic Baptist souls who are suffering the fires of persecution in many parts of the world at the present time. To affiliate with the World Council of Churches would not be a real fellowship but would be a feigned and forced appearance because some of the religious groups in that affiliation, like the Church of England and the Greek Orthodox Church, have been the most cruel persecutors of Baptists.

Baptists will honor their Lord, will bless the world, and will advance the Kingdom of God on earth by maintaining their own identity uncompromised and unhindered by artificial affiliation with others.

Now, this does not mean a narrow-minded isolationism for all Baptists who have the world outlook and the so-called ecumenical spirit, there is abundant opportunity for enjoyment and expression of both in the Baptist World Alliance which, in its international Congress has affiliations from more than half as many again nations as the World Council had represented in Amsterdam.

Neither does this position mean that we cannot cooperate with other religious bodies—even Jews and Catholics and even non-Christians in great moral issues, such as the prohibition of intoxicating liquors, for example."

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

HATTIESBURG OFFICIALS WELCOME NEW BAPTIST NEGRO SEMINARY

"The influence wielded by the establishment of religious institutions here, white or colored, may at some future day raise up in Hattiesburg and Forrest County leaders with courage enough to demand the removal of places which deteriorate the morals of the community."

Civic and religious leaders of both races, and community officials, participated last week in the ceremonies attendant to breaking the ground for construction of the Mississippi Negro Baptist Seminary at Hattiesburg. They pledged full support of the institution and an additional \$1,063 was contributed toward its construction at the ground-breaking ceremonies.

Every such institution is an asset to the state, serves the whole state, as well as to the community in which it is established, and The Hattiesburg American wisely sees such institutions

the sources of future leadership capable of curing and abolishing the evils with which so many Mississippians are struggling. The American says in this connection:

"The American congratulates those who had a part in planning the construction of the negro ministerial school for which the ground was officially broken Thursday.

"Every time a religious institution is built it adds to the stature and good influence of a community.

"There is still plenty of room for moral improvement in and around Hattiesburg. The fringe of illegal enterprises around the city attests to this fact.

"The influence wielded by the establishment of religious institutions here, white or colored, may at some future day raise up in Hattiesburg and Forrest County leaders with courage enough to demand the removal of places which deteriorate the morals of the community."

"If such evils are to be cured, it will take more than occasionally expressed oral complaints. And an increase in religious education is one way to develop a deeper moral responsibility."

—THE CLARION-LEDGER

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ples of Christ hold simultaneous conventions in the spring of 1952, with some joint sessions planned.

(2) That an invitation be extended to Disciples ministers to attend the forthcoming Northern Baptist Bible Conference at Green Lake, Wis., June 23-July 2.

(3) That the 1950 summer conference at Green Lake be planned jointly by Baptists and Disciples, and that an effort be made to have both denominations represented equally, with equal delegations of ministers, laymen, women, and young people.

(4) That every possible step be taken to recognize the mutual ordination of Baptist and Disciples ministers.

(5) That November 13, 1949, be adopted and promoted as the day for Baptist-Disciples pulpits exchanges.

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ASK UNION OF ALL BAPTIST (Continued from Page One)

the Northern Baptist Convention invited the Southern Baptist Convention to join with it in forming an American Baptist Convention.

The Rev. Robert Beaven of Chicago, president of the Baptist Missionary Training School, enlarged the motion to include "all other Baptist bodies, including bilingual and Negro Baptists." Both motions were adopted unanimously.

The denomination's General Council was instructed to work out the procedure in connection with issuance of the formal invitations to the Southern Baptist Convention of 6,500,000 members; two Negro Baptist denominations totalling about 5,000,000 members; bilingual conventions including chiefly Germans and Scandinavians with about 200,000 members, and a number of other groups.

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THIS I KNOW (35c), COMPILED BY Theodore W. Engstrom give the testimony of 24 men who are known throughout America for their business success and for their Christian lives. The men are chosen from many denominations and many professions, but in every case they have a real testimony. Orders should be sent to the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

FLORA

While pastor O. B. Beverly was in a meeting at Midway church near Jackson we had the privilege of preaching at Flora. Although close to Jackson, this was our first preaching engagement. However, we had spoken there at other kinds of meetings on various occasions.

We found the people greatly in love with their pastor and also saw evidence of much progress along all lines.

Madison county Record readers are now listed as follows: Camden, 19; Canton, First, 320; Canton, Center Terrace, 88; Frmhven, 23; Flor, 51; Good Hope, 3; Lula, 19; Madison, 27; Ridgeland, 17.

EDGEFIELD IS NUMBER 958

One of the most recent additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record is Edgefield Church in Attala County.

A letter containing 25 names and instructions to send the monthly bill to Merle M. Raridon of Ethel has been received. From now on the Edgefield saints are going to keep up with Baptist affairs at home and abroad. They are going to know what's going on. They are not only going to know why they are Baptists but they are going to know what Baptists do.

In addition to the 25 Record subscribers at Edgefield Church, Attala County has subscribers as follows: Antioch, 15; Bear Creek, 1; Berea, 36; Bowlin, 19; Carson Ridge, 46; County Line, 46; Ebenezer, 15; Ethel, 34; Hurricane, 11; Jerusalem, 1; Kosciusko, 298; Kosciusko, Second, 25; McAdams, 88; McCool, 16; New Salem, 2; Pilgrim's Rest, 10; Pleasant Ridge, 17; Sallis, 5; Sand Hill, 1; Unity, 40; Williamsville, 55; Yokahockany, 8.

DERBY IS NUMBER 959

Having had experience with the Baptist Record in other pastorates, Rev. J. J. Hedgepeth has led the Derby Church, Pearl River County, to make it a part of the church program.

No doubt the Baptists of Derby Church are going to become better informed about Baptist Affairs at home and abroad as they read each week of Baptist happenings all over the world.

In addition to the 20 Record readers at Derby, Pearl River County now has subscribers listed as follows: Bethel, 68; Carriere, 80; Goodyear, 72; Harmony, 1; Juniper Grove, 81; McNeil, 62; Napoleon, 31; New Henley Field, 40; New Palestine, 74; Nicholson, 3; Olive, 22; Picayune, First, 273; Pine Grove, 74; Poplarville, First, 148; Roseland Parke, 35; Union, 34; White Sand, 15; West Poplarville, 15; Crane Creek, 1; Oak Hill, 50; Ford's Creek, 2; Steep Hollow, 49; Santa Rosa (Hancock) 24.

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100 POINTED STORIES (\$1.50) BY Keith L. Books is a 62-page booklet with good conduct stories for boys and girls, which will help in teaching Biblical lessons. Orders should be sent to the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Shown above are the Presidents of the extra-curricular groups at Blue Mountain College for 1949-50. Left to right: Mary Anne Boland, Tralake, Modenians; Hilda Lackey, Calhoun City, Eunomians; and Betty Sue Dixon, Oakville, Tenn., Euzelians.

WEEKLY GIVING TO MISSIONS

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churches in ever increasing missionary giving. We believe that the "week by week" plan is the answer.

"If this plan were adopted and promoted by the Southern Baptist Convention," declares Roy F. Sutton, "it would increase our Cooperative Program receipts by fifty per cent, possibly even a hundred per cent increase."

A full-fledged promotion program to enlist the churches in "week by week" giving to missions would be a golden opportunity to re-educate our people as to the meaning of the Cooperative Program and the causes it represents. An informed people will give to missions.

Pastors Comment

Pastors throughout Arizona whose churches have responded to the appeal of "week by week giving to missions" have written their praise of the plan and have submitted many reasons why they led their churches to adopt it. Such statements as the following are often received.

"Our mission money no longer lies dormant in the church treasury for a month, but it goes to work immediately for the Lord."—R. Felder Cade, Globe.

"Our church has adopted week by week giving to missions believing if we share 'first fruits' with others our local needs will be met."—Mrs. Minnie L. Davidson, Treasurer, Wickenburg.

It Works in Arizona

In commenting on how the plan of "week by week giving to missions" has worked in Arizona, Mr. Sutton states that it has increased individual giving to the local church, that more of the churches are giving to missions every month now than ever before, and that he expects it to be one factor that will maintain mission receipts at a high level through the months of the summer slump.

Mr. Sutton further states, "the church that adopts the 'week by week' plan makes missions a preferred item in the church budget which is God's way of extending His kingdom. No church can lose when it cooperates with God's plan."

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A RELIGIOUS NEWS WRITERS' ASSOCIATION has been organized with Frank Stewart of the Cleveland Press as president. Membership will be open to all writers of religious news in the secular press, editors and staff members of religious periodicals, and members of religious publicity offices.

IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALREADY named as workers in the Bethlehem Church (Jones County) Vacation Bible School, the following workers will be among the faculty: Rev. D. C. Jenkins, Mrs. A. B. Ried, Mrs. R. C. Balch, Mrs. B. F. Jones, and Miss Edith Harper.

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Why Millions Call Him 'Holy Father'

ROBERT A. BAKER, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth

In the September issue of Liberty magazine there appeared another of the Roman Catholic paid advertisements that are being so widely circulated by the Knights of Columbus, Romanist lay organization. This advertisement bears the above caption, referring to Pope Pius XII, present head of the Roman Catholic church.

It is a serious thing to present historical statements which are not true; it brings the question of whether the author lacks knowledge, lacks objectivity, or lacks integrity. In the article under consideration there are seven gross historical errors, as follows:

1. The article refers to the pope's "Christ-given office." The sense in which this phrase is intended has no Scriptural justification. The position which the pope now enjoys has been attained only through centuries of scheming and struggle. The story of this development is a sordid. Every crime of the Decalogue has been practiced in this office.

For a period of 31 years in the 14th and 15th centuries there were two popes, each anathematizing the others; and for eight years thereafter the papal office was held by three men, each of whom called the curse of heaven down upon the other two. It can be proved that some who have held the papal office have sneered at Christianity and called it a "profitable fable."

These statements are not simply anti-Romanist propaganda; practically all of them may be certified from the principal Roman Catholic history—that of John Alzog, which has been translated from the German by two American Roman Catholic professors with official approval. It is impossible to believe that a "Christ-given office" which has been "divinely protected from error in transmitting his teaching..." could be dragged through such indescribable corruption.

2. The article refers to "the history of 262 successive popes... back through nearly 2,000 years to Christ himself."

I have before me two lists put forth by a Roman Catholic authority as the basis for claiming such unbroken succession and which differ in many respects. Recently the press announced that another revision of the official list has been made.

Perhaps the future years may bring an ex cathedra pronouncement to establish the truth of this last version of the historical succession; if not, history shows that the Roman church is adept at utilizing false decretals and forged documents to prove their point.

3. The article asserts "that Christ did establish his church... that he commissioned the apostle Peter as its first head..." There is no Scriptural basis for claiming that Simon Peter ever was the head of the New Testament churches—that position belongs only to Christ.

4. The article asserts, "We know from the New Testament that the church was actually organized... that it was teaching Christ's truth far and wide, long before the last book of the New Testament was written and the books of the Bible were collected into one volume..." and that this institution was "divinely protected from error in transmitting his teaching through the centuries."

Such false statements need not be refuted here, but attention is called to the fact that in this article (designed to impress evangelicals) the Romanists are using the New Testament to prove the authority of their body. The dilemma is apparent. If the New Testament is a product of the Roman church (as they falsely claim) how can they argue that the Roman church is the product of the New Testament? In other words, if the



Shown above is the attractive sign in front of the First Church of Canton.

Roman church can overrule the New Testament (including the words of Jesus Christ), why should they prove their authority by the New Testament? The answer is plain. Every Roman Catholic knows that the "church" and not the New Testament is the authority in their system.

Roman Catholics must follow blindly every utterance of a pope, while at the same time a loophole is provided whereby subsequent historians can deny that any particular papal statement came in the category termed ex cathedra, in the event that such a statement was found to be incompatible with historical truth. Even the apostle Peter (whom Roman Catholics claim to be the first of their infallible bishops of Rome) fell into grievous error and had to be corrected by Paul.

5. The article asserts that Pope Pius XII "is the lawful and historical successor to Peter, the first Pope." This statement embraces many kinds of errors. It is a fact of history that all patriarchs in the various geographical areas were called popes during the early centuries.

Apart from these misleading elements in the article, it should be observed that no Roman Catholic history gives a shred of valid proof that Peter was ever the bishop of Rome.

6. The article asserts that Pope Pius XII "is in our time... as Peter was in the first century... the Vicar of Christ on earth." There is no biblical nor historical basis for this statement, which is completely foreign to the vocabulary and spirit of the New Testament. Peter did not know that he was the "Vicar of Christ"; the other disciples did not know it; and the complete picture of Peter in the New Testament does not leave any doubt that this impetuous and often rebuked disciple simply stood on a level with the other apostles.

7. The article makes reference to "the promises made by Christ to Peter and his successor..." There has been a great deal written on this particular subject. In the first place, there were no promises made to Peter that were not applicable to every disciple of Jesus. In the second place, if such promises had been made, there is no indication that they could have been transmitted to anybody else. In the third place, if they had been made to Peter alone and had been transmittable, the church at Rome could not have claimed them, for Peter was not the first bishop of Rome.

This article presents another example of the fact that truth is the great weapon of Baptists.—Baptist Standard.

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ATLANTA, MAY 26—DR. T. RUPERT Coleman, pastor of Ginter Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, will be the preacher on Columbia's Church on the Air Sunday, June 26, 8:30-9 a. m. His subject will be "The Power of the Cross."

ZONDERVAN TO PUBLISH BIOGRAPHY OF R. G. LEE

The Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, announces the forthcoming publication of a biography of Dr. Robert G. Lee, President of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the great Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

The biography has been written by Dr. E. Schuyler English, eminent author, editor, biographer and Bible teacher.

The publishers state that the new biography of Dr. Lee graphically tells of the background and early ministry of this outstanding pulpit orator and relates the thrilling events which lead to the selection of Lee as leader of the great Southern Baptist Convention.

A publication date of October 15 has been set for this biography which will be well illustrated with pictures from the life and career of the man known as "The Prince of Pulpiters."

AN OPEN LETTER TO SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

The 1949 session of the Southern Baptist Convention voted to hold the 1951 meeting in San Francisco. This letter comes after prayerful consideration, as an earnest plea for reconsideration of that action. Reconsideration is asked for the following reasons:

First, the distance of the convention city from the density of Southern Baptist population. Most pastors would have to be away from their churches two Sundays. It would be necessary for them to spend an amount equivalent to, and in many cases, more than the sum paid as a monthly salary. In many instances, the total would be more than the monthly mission gifts of the church. Because of this added cost, hundreds of our pastors of small town, village, and rural churches would be deprived of the privilege of attending the convention. Our people are reminded that the great masses of Southern Baptists are members of the churches served by the above named group.

Second, from the view point of plain economy in general. Surely in this period, when we are striving for a mighty advance in our foreign mission work, we should not take the convention to a city so distant as to add thousands of dollars to the cost of attending. This money will directly or indirectly affect the mission gifts of our churches.

Third, because of the unprecedented action of the convention in deciding meeting places for two years at the same time. Certainly the messengers comprising the 1950 session should have the right and privilege of saying where the 1951 convention should meet.

This open letter gives advance notice that of Houston, Atlanta, or some other more centrally located city will invite the 1951 session, a motion will be made in 1950 to reconsider the action of the 1949 meeting.

It is the hope and prayer of the writer that our people will give prayerful consideration to this matter and express themselves through our Baptist papers and in Chicago in 1950.

This letter is being sent to our Baptist papers, and copies to the officials of the convention.

E. R. ELLER, Pastor,
First Baptist Church,
Pickens, South Carolina.

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THE SIX BLUE MOUNTAIN STUDENTS who will serve on the Ridgecrest staff are: Gail Nelms, Gadsden, Ala.; Vickie Flowers, Terry; Joan Mitchell, Blue Mountain; Betty Winn, Laurel; Sara Vaughn, Huntsville, Ala.; and Willie Vesta Winslett, Laurel.

Sullivan, Dorris, Smith To Head Publications Next Year

In two meetings of the Publications Council, held Wednesday, May 18, and Saturday, May 21, the officials for the three Mississippi College publications were elected for next year.

Clayton Sullivan, Jackson, was chosen to edit the Tribesman for next year. Clayton has had wide experience in the field, having been editor of the Central High yearbook, The Cotton Boll. To serve as business manager of the annual is Ann Lipsey, Clinton. Ann, also, is well qualified for her position, having served as business manager of The Clinton Arrow, The Clinton Parade, and as assistant business manager for The 1949 Tribesman.

Dorothy Jane Dorris, Portland, Tenn., was elected editor of the Mississippi College magazine, The Arrowhead. Dot is at present assistant editor of that publication and is religious editor of The Collegian. Serving with her as business manager will be Hannon Miller, Clinton, who is well known to all Choctaws and Clintonians as an outstanding track star and student.

The Collegian will be under the editorship of Leon Smith, McComb. Leon is now News editor of the paper and has served as editor of his high school paper in McComb. Silas Cooper, Clinton, will be the business manager of The Collegian. He has had wide experience in this field in dealing with publications in his high school in Ventura, California.

The supervision of all three Mississippi College publications will be under the Department of Journalism which will be established next year. The publications council will include the student body officers and a faculty committee appointed by the President. The students will be in the majority.

Foreign Board Representatives At Colombo-Venezuelan Convention

The Colombo-Venezuelan Baptist Convention was organized at Barranquilla, Colombia, February 9-11. Rev. Julio Moros, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Caracas, Venezuela, was elected president.

Secretaries M. Theron Rankin and Everett Gill, Jr., represented the Foreign Mission Board at the organization of the convention. Dr. Frank K. Means, making a tour of all Southern Baptist missions in South America, included the Barranquilla meeting in his itinerary. Mr. Fon Scofield, visual aids director, is preparing films on the inauguration of the convention and on other Baptist work in Colombia.

The Board representatives made brief visits to several other areas. In Jamaica they saw churches which Southern Baptists helped to rebuild following a severe hurricane that destroyed or badly damaged half the churches on the island. In Costa Rica they saw results of the mission work begun by the Home Mission Board. In Venezuela they inspected Baptist work soon to be augmented by Southern Baptist missionaries on that field.

Mr. Scofield, accompanied by Secretary Gill, visited every mainland station in Colombia and made motion pictures of Baptist property and activity in each of the Colombia mission stations.

MILLER ADDRESSES SBC

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mind the Lord." So back to the family flour mill I went with a burning desire to serve the Lord as well as I could right at home. Two years later a little paper covered booklet was mailed to me.

That little book unfolded to me that God not only had a plan for redemption but that He had a plan for financing all of the work of His kingdom—that was by the tithe. One of the verses that struck me right between the eyes and which it has been my genuine pleasure to practice and prove is Malachi 3:10: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

In 1935 our flour mill celebrated its centennial. That same year I purchased the controlling interest in the business. There was not the slightest doubt in my mind but what the mill would prosper if we paid one tenth of the profits to the Lord which in this case would be paid to the church. The Lord said He would pour out a blessing, didn't He? And a man's business is only an extension of his own personality, so naturally the Hayden Flour Mills would soon be showered with blessings from Heaven. Right then and there I was in for a mighty rude awakening. I know now the truth of that passage in the New Testament: "Cast your bread upon the waters, and it shall return unto you after many days."

God does not always promise to "open the windows of Heaven immediately," and when He does, He does not always promise financial blessings. I want to make this mighty clear right now: I know from personal experience that God does keep His Word and bless the tither. But I can assure you that from a purely financial point of view I have not been "overcome" with a superabundance of this world's goods. I could name friends and acquaintances by the score who could buy me out and sell me time and time again. But just try to find a living soul any happier than I. In addition to granting me sufficient needs—not "wants"—for a family of three boys and three girls, the Lord has given me an amazing degree of personal vitality, a passion for souls, and so much joy of living that often I feel I might actually burst!

Contrary to plans, the business, under my personal management, in a year came to the point where it was unable to meet its obligations. You men who have gone through financial hard times know better than I can explain the mental strain of being pressed by your debts and actually not knowing whether you were going to meet them or not. In our case I was very forcibly taught that God does not always bless the tither immediately. For a period of two years I had to walk pretty much by faith. But somehow there was at all times an abiding faith that God would keep His Word. I never have failed to pay the Lord's tithe from the time I began the practice regularly in 1932. So you can imagine the thrill in 1937 of being able to pay off creditors and have the family flour mill business back under my own control again.

Within a short time after that arrangements were made whereby I was able to purchase the entire stock in the business, some of which we have since

sold to the man who now runs the mill while I go to preach tithing.

Within an hour's driving distance of my home town of Tecumseh, Michigan, I could today take you to thirty flour mills that have gone out of business within the past twenty-five years. And yet, since we have been tithing our business itself in addition to our own personal income, we have been able to make five major additions to our plant. Each time we build an addition we have a dedication service—the last one was held within this past month. So I know that God always does keep His Word in His own good time!

Ten years after I volunteered to go to the foreign field for my church a great event took place in my life. A sermon was preached in my home church from the text, John 12:24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Being a flour miller, the reference to wheat struck me right between the eyes. And almost immediately thereupon came the thought, "Plant a kernel of wheat and prove that verse, and next year when the one kernel of wheat multiplies into ten or fifteen kernels, you can tithe that crop." It seemed reasonable that a little demonstration like that, carried on for the children of the Sunday school right in the church yard would prove to be an excellent object lesson, so I determined to plant a kernel of wheat and take God at His Word. But the more I thought about the plan, it seemed reasonable that we might tithe the tiny harvest, and replant the remaining nine tenths. If this were done in accordance with the Sabbathical plan of sowing and reaping for six years, we might have quite a sizeable harvest in six years. But little did I think God would bless this demonstration anywhere near the extent that He has. But we determined to go through with the plan for six years and see what would happen.

Since I did not own any land of my own, my thoughts naturally drifted to the largest farm in our community, owned by the world's richest man, Henry Ford. It seemed like a daring idea to solicit the assistance of Henry Ford to prove a great Biblical principle. But I did not wait for my ardor to cool off but went immediately to his farm manager, Edgar Clark, and told him of my idea. I should say at this point that I feel this message was divinely timed. The farmers in our community were sowing wheat the very week after I heard that memorable sermon on John 12:24. Mr. Clark suggested that I return in a couple of days while he thought over the matter. The result was that he had a tiny cubic inch container made from metal, and when I returned to find his decision, he presented me with this unique container, saying: "Go ahead with your plan. We'll furnish land to start it, but why not fill this cubic inch measure with wheat instead of taking just one kernel?" And so that is how the original amount of seed happened to be a cubic inch. The measure was filled with wheat by a nearby farmer, C. D. Finkbeiner, and on Thursday, September 26, this cubic inch measure, containing 360 "Dynamic Kernels" of wheat was planted by 12 boys in a tiny plot of ground, four feet by eight feet, probably the world's smallest wheat field." We told those present that in 1941 we would pay a tithe of the crop to the Lord and replant the remaining nine tenths, continuing this for a total of six years—and see what would happen!

On July 10, 1941, we harvested the "world's smallest wheat crop." The wheat was cut by sickle, the heads cut off with shears and placed in a cotton flour sack to dry out, and about three weeks later we threshed the wheat by pounding the bag with a carpet beater. Then to separate the chaff from the grain, we took it into our dining room, placed the chaff and wheat in a dish pan

in the middle of the table. Then Mrs. Hayden, the kids, and I with lung power worked for an hour to blow out the chaff. The result of that operation was that we had fifty cubic inches of wheat, practically a quarter of grain, or 18,000 kernels. It was an amazing yield for our part of the country where the land is not as rich as out here in Oklahoma. It was doubly thrilling to see such a harvest, in view of the dire predictions of one farmer who watched the wheat being sown in a plot of sour clay the previous fall that the "quack grass would choke it out." But God kept His Word and blessed the first crop to an amazing degree.

The following Sunday we counted out a tithe of five cubic inches of "Dynamic Kernels" and presented them to our pastor. We can truly say it entered the ministry immediately!

Because we had faith to believe that God would some day use this demonstration in a big way, we took moving pictures from the very start. The six plantings and harvests are preserved in a color sound film, "God Is My Landlord."

In the fall of 1941 we replanted the remaining 46 cubic inches of wheat, 16,200 kernels, on a plot of ground forty-five times larger than the tiny plot the previous year. Again Henry Ford furnished the land. It was 24 feet by 60 feet in size, and the seed was planted this time by 45 boys and girls from the Tecumseh schools. The following July 4 we cut the second crop of Dynamic Kernels by old time cradles. I expect there may be some folks at this convention who have swung a cradle in their lives—but the movies of this particular harvest, in my opinion, are the most colorful of all. And would you believe it—whereas we were amazed to have the first crop amount to fifty times the seed, compared with a state average increase of fifteen fold—our second harvest of the Lord's wheat was fifty-five times the amount of seed sown. Now we harvested 70 pounds. It was threshed on a tiny separator. Again one tenth, or seven pounds, was counted out and given to the church in an appropriate ceremony. The remaining nine-tenths was replanted on an acre of Henry Ford's land.

The third crop was harvested in 1943, cut by a self-rake reaper, as the third progressive step in wheat harvesting methods. Some three hundred persons witnessed the harvest which was threshed by horse power. The third crop amounted to 16 bushels, or nearly 1,000 pounds.

Henry Ford personally attended the third harvest, coming out on a Saturday morning, unannounced, to see the wheat cut, and then returning two weeks later when a thousand persons were on hand to see his horse power separator thresh the third harvest. Interest was now beginning to be manifested over a wide territory. Folks attended the third harvest not only from our own community and state, but from northern Ohio as well. Truly the Lord was blessing this effort to prove that it pays to tithe.

In the fall of 1943 the fourth planting was made. This time it required 14 acres, as we planted about one bushel of seed per acre. And in July of 1944 some five thousand persons were on hand to witness the colorful harvesting and threshing ceremonies. The governor of the state, prominent persons from all walks of life were there. The movies taken of this particular harvest are especially colorful. The fourth step in harvesting of wheat was demonstrated by the binder, invented by Cyrus McCormick over one hundred years ago. The fourth harvest was 370 bushels of golden kernels, and the tithe that year, paid to the Tecumseh Friends Church, amounted to \$70. The remaining nine-tenths was replanted on 230 acres of Henry Ford's land for the fifth crop.

In 1945 the harvest was a symbol of grace. Those who believe in Bible num-

Hand To Yazoo City For Summer Months



DR. OTHELL HAND

Dr. Othell Hand assumed his duties as associate pastor of the First Church, Yazoo City on June 1. He will serve during the summer months.

Dr. Hand was born in Mississippi, is a graduate of Mississippi College, and has just received his Doctor of Theology degree after having previously taken his Master of Theology degree, at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Hand, formerly of Washington, D. C., is a full music graduate of the Southern Seminary and will assist with the music department of the Yazoo City church.

On September 1 Dr. Hand will go to Richmond, Virginia, where he will be the director of Religious Activities of the University of Richmond and teach in the Department of Religion.

During the week of June 5, Dr. Hand is leading the church in a Youth Revival.

erology will be interested to learn that the fifth crop in 1945, when wheat was worth \$1.55 was exactly 5,555 bushels. The tithe of 555 bushels was taken out, amounting to nearly \$900 leaving 5,000 bushels of seed for the sixth and final planting.

Now a tragic thing happened. Mr. Ford was stricken while at his winter home in Georgia. Whereas he had promised enough land to complete the project, arrangements were now being made to sell the vast Ford farms near Tecumseh, Michigan. It looked as if I would be left "high and dry" with no land for the sixth planting, as no farmer or group of farmers in that community would be either able or willing to come forth with the needed acreage. The summer of 1945 was spent in a fruitless search for land for the 5,000 bushels of wheat seed, and without success. During this time we did not give up, but kept seeking the will of the Lord in the matter. Our prayers and efforts were finally rewarded when individual farmers learning of the need for land came and volunteered their farms. And almost on the very last day for planting wheat the last of the 5,000 bushels was taken by some 276 farmers from 30 different faiths and creeds, who agreed to plant the wheat, pay a tithe of the 1946 to their own church and give us a report of the crop.

On August 1, 1946, proclaimed by the governor of Michigan as "Biblical Wheat Day" in Michigan, these 276 farmers celebrated their harvest of the sixth and final crop of the Lord's Dynamic Kernels by bringing in their tithes to the Lenawee County Fair Grounds at Adrian, Michigan. We want to make it clear at this point that we still were

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BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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Intermediate Brandon Union Observes Mothers Day

A nice printed program with Intermediate emblem on the front, list of members and also list of officers of the union on the back with the two center pages carrying the program for the evening was a special on Mother's Day in the Brandon Intermediate Union. The program itself was given in a most helpful way, and those attending, both members and their mothers were enthusiastic in their expression of appreciation. The enrollment in this union is 20 including leader and sponsor. Sixteen qualified for credit in a recent study course, and the union is steadily increasing in daily Bible readings. Mrs. John Breazeale is the leader and Mrs. Hazel Strickland the sponsor, and Rev. Montie Davis is the pastor. We congratulate this union on the sincere way they are going about the work of their union. These will be days and experiences they will remember throughout life as making contributions to their character.

An interesting suggestion appeared on the program of the Jackson Co. Associational Training Union for its last meeting. "Shake hands with twelve people." That was a splendid way Mr. Wallace Harrell, Associational Director had of saying, "Christian fellowship is the result of Christian Brotherhood, prove this by an expression of friendship to the others who are at this meeting." 277 people were present. It was a great meeting in every respect.

Double Springs Near Cumberland Organizes

Thanks to Maurice Williams, we have a report of a newly organized Training Union at Double Springs church. They started with thirty five members with other prospects they hope to add from week to week. Rev. Marcus Smith is the pastor; Eugene Lucius, Director; Arnold S. Dunn, Associate Director; Maurice Williams, Secretary; Jimmie Turman, Chorister; and Rose M. Scarborough, Pianist. This church is in Zion Association, Webster Co. Mrs. Harold Womack is the Associational Director. Congratulations and best wishes.

For Preachers Only

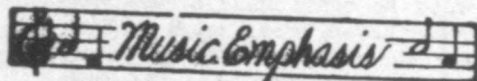
A minister was about to start his sermon. He carefully laid his manuscript on the pulpit stand, put on his reading glasses, gave a preliminary cough, and said, "My friends." He was interrupted by a member of the congregation who asked if he might ask a question. Looking down at the intruder the minister said, "It is very unusual to make such a request at such a time and on such an occasion. Do you consider your question justifiable?" On being assured that the other thought the question both proper and necessary, the minister graciously gave consent. . . . This question came: "Reverend, how do you expect us to remember your sermon if you can't?"

—WILLIAM B. PETHERICK (Arkansas Baptist).

Ita Bena Unions Have Charge of Evening Services

Pastor A. L. Gatewood is using his Training Union once each quarter by having a different union each quarter have the regular preaching service hour. Here they give a regular program as they give in it their union. This gives all church goers an opportunity to see the Union in action. It also gives the members this additional opportunity for "Intensive" training. We commend this wise use of the Training Union.

Our summer program will be the largest we have had in several years. We will use twenty five or thirty special workers, College students and school teachers. They will work in pairs, two boys or two girls, working for five weeks, July 17-August 19. The books to be taught are Training in Church Membership and The Meaning of Church Membership. Methods will be used in conferences with leaders etc. We are expecting to serve fifteen associations, and seventy five churches.



"Music is well said to be the speech of angels; in fact, nothing among the utterances allowed to man is felt to be so divine. It brings us near to the Infinite; we look for moments, across the cloudy elements, into the eternal sea of light, when song leads and inspires us. Serious nations, all nations that can still listen to the mandate of nature, have prized song and music as the highest; as a vehicle for worship, for prophecy, and for whatsoever in them was divine."—Thomas Carlyle.

Music is a creation. God's beauty in tone can be studied in the laboratory of science. Nature is made into a rhythmic structure. The highest forms of music are built around the natural forms of rhythm. Music has reached its highest development in the church. Every church has some type of music in connection with its services. Some not so good, and some very good.

The church that expects to maintain its spiritual vitality, will look to improving the music in the church program. First of all, a church must feel the importance of the music program in the church. It is a known fact that one-third of all religious services among Baptist is composed of music, either planned or unplanned. If such a large part of the church programs is made up of some kind of music, it is worthy of giving some thought and work to its improvement.

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A SOUL STIRRING REVIVAL MEETING was held in the Oakland Baptist Church the week of May 22-29. Rev. W. P. Davis, assistant Executive Secretary of Mississippi Baptist did the preaching. The church was revived and the community blessed by the gospel preaching of Brother Davis. The visible results were six upon profession of faith and four by letter.—CHARLES C. MAGEE, Pastor.

Ackerman Revival Adds 11

Ackerman Church held a revival the week beginning April 22, in which Rev. W. B. Abel, pastor of Poplar Springs Drive Church in Meridian, did the preaching. The church was also fortunate to have Reid Moore, Director of Music at First Church, Jackson, who was in charge of the music during the week.

During the meeting there were eleven additions to the church, six on profession of faith.

The Ackerman pastor, Ira F. Metts, writes: "We feel that our church and community was made better because

of the meeting. It is our hope, and prayer that we of the community will take up the Word which was preached so earnestly and carry on in the manner in which we were admonished in these days. I am sure if this is done it will make for another meeting greater hours, greater possibilities and a greater town and community in which to live. One could not hear, and heed such preaching as we heard during this meeting and go on being the same that they were before hearing such messages. One may hear and not give heed thereto and be the same as before. For to heed what we hear is to profit thereby."

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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As of this writing, \$1,318.61 has come in for our three Summer Missionaries. Latest contributions are: Mississippi College, \$131.82; Sunflower Jr., \$15 (their second, making a total of \$76.41); Pearl River Jr., \$10.50 (their second, making a total of \$31.50); Blue Mountain, \$4.50 (their second, making a total of \$73.18); Holmes Jr., \$15; Friend from 1st Church, Jackson, \$10; Miss. College student, \$10; Woman's College, \$157.70; MSCW, \$35.75; friend in Baptist Bldg., \$10; Arbyrd (Mo.) Baptist Church, \$15 (their second, making a total of \$77.44); Friend in Baptist Bldg., \$1; Blue Mountain, \$12; Millsaps, \$50. To the Woman's College BSU goes the distinction, so far, of collecting the most money for this missionary cause. This is noteworthy and significant because Woman's College has the smallest Baptist enrollment, of any of our colleges having BSUs. . . . According to Mrs. Robert Lewis, BSU Sec'y. for MSCW, her girls (most of them, at least) are to stay in a cabin, paid for by 1st Church, Columbus, at Ridgecrest during the Student Retreat. Counting MSCW, as of now, 139 Mississippians plan to be there. Pray for the Retreat June 8-15. . . . Chester Swor was at Blue Mountain during their recent "Ridgecrest Day." Also, Riley Munday recently

spent two days on their campus teaching BSU Methods. . . . We are sorry many, many letters coming to this office have not been answered. We shall answer them as soon as we can. We appreciate everybody's patience. . . . More and more, Mississippi churches are scheduling Youth Revivals. Our prayer is that Christ, in them all, will be lifted up. . . . During the summer months, the Mississippi Miscellany will be sent only to those whose addresses we are sure of, so those who want it, please be sure we have your summer address. . . . MSCW had 120 at their Spring Banquet. . . . "Leaving My College," by Norma Jean John, Blue Mountain, in June's Baptist Student is very well done and is inspirational. Louie Farmer, of Clarke, also makes the June issue. . . . Pastors, we know of a young lady who is interested in being an Educational or Church Secretary. . . . The Sunken Garden at Mississippi Southern appeared in the May issue of The International Student. . . . "Wells was great," writes BSU Sec'y. Salter of Charles Wells' recent visit to Miss. State. Mr. Wells is editor of Between the Lines, the best dollar publication we know of of its kind. . . . Students, determine by God's power to live the Christian life wherever you are this summer. . . .

Department of Temperance Activities

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One of Mississippi's best counties for law enforcement is now having a battle with law enforcement officers. This county has been looked upon as a model county for law enforcement for several years. It is one in which no honky tonk or road house has been allowed to operate. The chief law enforcement officer of the county has let the liquor forces either tie his hands or bribe him. It seems that he is completely sold out to them. The Christian citizens of the county are pressing their battle with determination. They have set out to correct the evil. Knowing them as I do, they are going to either correct the situation or make it mighty hot for the law enforcement officers.

When a sheriff, who has been elected by the voters to enforce the laws of the county, sells out to the underworld, he becomes the No. 1 criminal of the county and should be dealt with as such without any loss of time. Every Christian citizen ought to rise up and cooperate 100 per cent with those who are leading the crusade

against lawlessness. Such an officer becomes a quisling, a traitor. Such officers if let go will undermine our government and make for shipwreck of our nation. How long will Christian citizens tolerate such as this to go on without waging a bitter warfare against it?

Several of the counties in Mississippi need to follow the example of the one mentioned above and see to it that their laws are enforced.

It was my privilege to supply the pulpit at Clinton on Sunday night, May 15 and both services Sunday, May 22 while the pastor was away on his trip to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Oklahoma City.

The following is a statement taken from The Survey Bulletin, May 9, 1949: "A Purdue Opinion Poll of 10,000 students in all parts of the country indicated that one-third of them 'sometimes drink beer, wine or liquor.'"

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VALUES

You will want to know these things about the Vacation Bible school work in Mississippi last year: It occurred to us that we ought to give this writing the title of "Fifty Cents," but we were afraid that you would think we were not serious.

What will fifty cents buy today? Not too much from a store, but fifty cents spent by a church gives returns more valuable than all the wealth of this world in a lump sum. We say that when we know that in the 882 Vacation Bible schools last year in Mississippi we won 1,549 boys and girls to Christ (others might have been won but were not reported), and it cost our churches just 48 cents a school, average, per pupil for that.

To break that down a little—it cost a little over 9 cents a day, or 3 cents an hour, to do this marvelous job of teaching Boys and Girls the Bible and winning over a thousand five hundred of them to Christ. Without a doubt God led Southern Baptists to have the Vacation Bible school program. It gives us our finest evangelistic opportunity of the whole year with our boys and girls. Without exception, in the schools making the winning of boys and girls to Christ a main objective of the Bible teaching work, pastors, Sunday school officers and others say that this is true.

Have a Vacation Bible school. 772 churches in our state did not last year. We did enroll 73,916 in 881 schools, and we can make that a hundred thousand this summer if we try hard and have schools in just a part of these 772.

The Sunday School Department is majoring this summer on giving to the associations that need help a worker for V. B. S. Some one in each association that needs a worker will have to plan consecutive weeks of work for this helper, but that can be done by some interested person, or persons, if a good, hard effort is made. Of course, the churches that can and will have schools would not ask for these workers. You are interested in these 772 churches that ought to have for their children what the other children in other churches have where V. B. S. were held.

25,461 boys . . . 36,650 girls . . . 11,805 faculty. All of that added up gives a picture that will thrill your soul. Imagine the one item alone—1,597 won to Christ in 465 of the 882 schools. Don't you wish they had all reported on professions of faith? AND—if in 772 other churches we can hold a good Vacation Bible school this summer, in 772 churches that did not have a school last summer—it will be easy to win over a thousand boys and girls to Christ, teach them a great amount of Scripture—FOR FIFTY CENTS PER PUPIL.

Let us know here at the Sunday School Department if we may help. Let each church plan its V. B. S. now. If you do not know all about the Vacation Bible school program we can send some literature that will help. Also, in each text-book there is a manual or a guide that will enable any church and any interested people to have a Vacation Bible school. Let

us say it this way—if you were never connected with a Vacation Bible school in your life—you can take the manual in the text-books and have the "KNOW HOW" of a good V. B. S. in your church.

WE ARE GAINING

Many schools are increasing their enrollment this year. This means a big part in our Southwide goal of 600,000 net gain.

Columbus First has gained 70 in enrollment this year; Mt. Zion, in Lincoln county, has gained 6; Hattiesburg Main Street has gained 247, and many others have good gains also.

And speaking of progress, how is this?: East Fork church, Mississippi association, in three years has added a two-story educational building, a Baby building, a Training Union, two Missionary circles, Y. W. A., R. A., a Brotherhood, Cradle Roll, Nursery, Extension department, five Sunday school classes, 55 increase in average Sunday school attendance, a 16 mm. projector, and 15 per cent to outside causes. The pastor is Rev. Melvin T. Wilson.

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40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.
40 YEARS AGO

President Lowrey of Mississippi College reports the closing exercises of commencement week. Enrollment for the year, 333, and the goal set for next session 400. An offer to become president of an out of the state university at twice the salary turned by Dr. Lowrey to stay with M. C. because the "work here is too hopeful." The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon Dr. B. D. Grey, Secretary of Home Mission Board and President J. C. Hardy of A & M. College.

Pastor W. A. Hewitt of Columbia Baptist Church, goes to spend the summer in the University of Chicago.

25 YEARS AGO

President J. W. Provine of Mississippi College gives an account of the past session's activities. Enrollment at the maximum—416 in regular session, 206 in summer term, and not counting any student twice, total enrollment reached 522. Besides, the Normal School had 401, making grand total of 923, "in vital touch" with the institution. Eighty-five graduated, "by far the largest."

President J. L. Johnson of Mississippi Womans College states, "Twelve years ago the Womans College began its work. . . . Two wooden buildings and faculty of eight made up the equipment and working force. Today a magnificent faculty of 35 working on a campus of forty acres with commodious buildings and the second largest student body of the Woman's Colleges of the State tell the story of the growth of the College."

Clarke Memorial College completes its 17th session with Rev. S. G. Pope, pastor of the Louisville Baptist Church, preaching the sermon and Dr. R. B. Gunter, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention delivering the commencement address to the graduating class.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

"Brotherhood Week" Observed at First Church, Columbus

From the bulletin of First Church, Columbus, we note that the Brotherhood had charge of the regular morning worship hour, May 15. The entire program was in the hands of the men with president Robert Leshe in charge. The men's choir sang, with special numbers by the Brotherhood Quartet. Dr. S. B. Platt brought the message on the subject "The Lord Hath Need of Him." The service was held in observance of "Brotherhood Week."

Calvary Brotherhood, Columbus, Sponsors Laymen's Revival

Mr. J. D. Nolen, secretary of the Brotherhood, Calvary Baptist Church, Columbus, sent in a splendid report on a Laymen's Revival held in their church April 24-27. The following were speakers: Mr. F. V. Kuykendall of Alabama, Mr. W. K. Smith, Mr. H. C. Burns, Mr. James White.

The choir was composed of men of the Brotherhood. The song leaders were Mr. W. K. Smith and Mr. Davis Kemp. Mr. Nolen states, "For the first Laymen's Revival, we think it was a huge success. We believe the next one will be bigger and better."

THE LAYMAN

By EDGAR A. GUEST

Leave it to the ministers, and soon the church will die;

Leave it to the women folk, and some will pass it by;

For the church is all that lifts us from the coarse and selfish mob, And the church that is to prosper needs the laymen on the job.

Now a layman has his business, and a layman has his joys; But he also has the training of the little girls and boys; And I wonder how he'd like it if there were no churches here And he had to raise his children in a godless atmosphere.

It's the church's special function to uphold the finer things, To teach the way of living from which all the noble springs; But the minister can't do it single-handed and alone, For the laymen of the country are the church's corner stone.

When you see a church that's empty, though its doors are opened wide,

It is not the church that's dying; it's the laymen who have died; For it's not by song or sermon that the church's work is done; It's the laymen of the country who for God must carry on.

R. G. Lee To Lead Rolling Fork Meeting



DR. R. G. LEE

Palmer Gets Honorary Degree

As part of its commencement program on May 24, Louisiana College at Pineville, La., conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on Dr. J. Norris Palmer, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, La. Dr. Palmer is a Mississippian and a former Mississippi pastor.

President Edgar Godbold of Louisiana College stated the degree was conferred "in recognition of Dr. Palmer's superb work in the ministry and his leadership in our endowment fund plan."

Dr. Palmer had previously been honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Mississippi College. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Board of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and served for a number of years on the Sunday School Board.



C. LAMAR ALEXANDER

Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, will do the preaching in an area revival sponsored by the Rolling Fork church June 13-19. Services will be held daily at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. in a tent located on the school ground at Rolling Fork.

The music will be under the direction of C. Lamar Alexander, minister of music at Highland Heights church, Memphis.

According to Rev. Van H. Hardin, pastor of the Rolling Fork church, all the Baptist churches of Sharkey and Issaquena Counties are cooperating in the meeting.

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HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

June 12, 1949.

Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock. Speaker—Dr. J. D. Grey.

Heard in Mississippi over radio stations WJMB, Brookhaven; WFOR, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WAML, Laurel; WTOK, Meridian; and at 8:30 over WAZF, Yazoo City.

MILLER ADDRESSES SBC (Continued from Page Seven)

practicing storehouse tithing right up to the last crop. Every farmer who planted any of the wheat in 1945 signed a contract that he could pay a tenth of the harvest to his own church. When World War II came to an end in 1945 and left millions starving in Europe, we sent out an appeal to the pastors of the 175 churches designated to receive the tithes from the 276 farmers. We asked them to have their churches vote to turn over the wheat to Famine Relief. The result was most gratifying.

The final harvest of Dynamic Kernels was 72,150 bushels of wheat worth about \$150,000. Added gifts of wheat and money from others who did not even plant part of final harvest, brought the amount of the tithe in 1946 to around \$20,000. It was estimated that 15,000 persons attended the final harvest on August 1, 1946. And we are so happy to report that whereas according to the state average one cubic inch replanted in entirety for six years should amount to 5,297 bushels, our crop, faithfully tithed every year, finally yielded nearly fourteen times that amount, or 72,150 bushels.

In Leviticus 25:3-4 we read: "Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the Lord: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard." And so we did not plant wheat the seventh year. Robert Ripley in his famous cartoons "Believe it or Not" brought out the fact that if Dynamic Kernels had been replanted for just four more years it would have required all of the land in the continental United States. And in seven more years, or a total of thirteen years, if the project could be continued that long, it would take all of the land on the earth's surface for the thirteenth harvest. So we rested the seventh year and assisted in the writing of the book, "God Is My Landlord," and in the production of the now famous color sound film, "God Is My Landlord," which so vividly portray and preserve this great demonstration for the inspiration of coming generations. The book is on sale here at the book store and can be secured from any of the Baptist Book Stores of the Southern Baptist Convention. And information concerning the film and how it may be secured to promote tithing in the Southern Baptist Convention can be secured from your local book store.

As proof of the power of the tithing testimony of the film, the Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, received pledges of \$100,000 last November 14, compared with the previous year's total of \$65,000. This was following the presentation of the message by film and in person.

Pressure, Proxy and Persuasion

Let me remind you that there are three ways by which people are impelled to give. The first is by "pressure," the second is by "proxy," and the third is by "the pulling power of personal persuasion."

Let me illustrate: A Presbyterian church, needing \$15,000 for a certain emergency, called together the ruling body. A member of the "session" who happened to be a capable electrician came up with an idea which was adopted. Ten seats in the church were wired, and a button was placed on the right side of the pulpit. With the cooperation of the ushers, the ten wealthiest members were placed in these ten seats. When the pastor asked how many would stand up and give \$1,000 apiece he pressed the button, and instantly the "ten chosen" donors stood to their feet and the treasurer took their names! The plan was really working. Then the minister asked for ten more who would give \$500 each. He then pressed another button, but this time only nine of the ex-

pected ten members stood to their feet. The net result of the campaign was a total of \$14,500 in cash, and one electrocuted Scotchman. That is raising money by "pressure."

A miller was a member of a rural church which was in terrible condition. The roof leaked, the windows were knocked out, the porch sagged, the building needed painting, the chimney was falling down, the preacher was way behind in his salary, and unpaid bills were piled up on the desk of the treasurer. This particular miller volunteered to put the church back on its feet. The unexpected offer of assistance was accepted by the congregation who were at a complete loss how to get out of the mess.

Within a matter of a short time the church had been painted and papered, the porch, chimney, and windows repaired. In addition, a new rug was placed in the church. The bills were paid in full, and to top it off the preacher was driving a new car. This was too much for the congregation. No one had been asked to give a cent, and yet prosperity had come to the church. Bursting with curiosity they asked the miller how he did it. A meeting was called, and he promised to unfold the secret.

The little church was packed as the miller stood up and said, "How many of you folks remember the sermon on tithing our minister brought last year?" Not a soul raised his hand. The miller continued, "I put that sermon to test, and it worked. So when you folks brought your grain to my mill this season I just took out ten per cent for the Lord. It really works, doesn't it?" That is giving by proxy.

While "pressure" and "proxy" do the work, I want to remind you all as you return to your local churches that you cannot beat the "pulling power of personal persuasion" coupled with prayer.

It has been my privilege to have become personally acquainted with the staff of the Executive Committee at your headquarters in Nashville. I have read much of the stewardship material prepared by Dr. Merrill Moore and others of your leaders. Permit me to congratulate you on having leaders of ability and vision. But they need you to make tithing universal in the Southern Baptist Convention. It's the "everlasting team work of every bloomin' soul" that counts.

You titheers know beyond the shadow of a doubt that God has blessed you. You know He will bless any church where tithing is stressed. Go back to your local churches determined that you will not relinquish your efforts until every single member of your church has become a genuine storehouse tither. I want to recommend that whenever possible that you ask successful laymen to occupy your pulpits. But by all means, pray, and back this up with the "pulling power of personal persuasion." If every member of the Southern Baptist Convention would back up the program of the church along the tithing line alone, not only would you probably see an increased income of about 400 per cent, but you would see six million Christians so fired with a passion for lost souls and for the advancement of Christ's kingdom that Satan and all his legions could not stop you.

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ACCORDING TO THE PASTOR, DR.

Charles L. McKay, First Church, Pascagoula, has had 76 additions in the past few weeks. He also reports that the former pastor, Dr. Leroy Green, left things in good shape and that he is enjoying building on Dr. Green's foundation. A youth revival is scheduled for June 19-26. Glyn Dismukes of Mississippi College is to preach, Ralph Young will lead the singing, H. S. Sauls, Jr., of Mobile, will play the organ, Miss Sara Frances Anders, educational director at the First church, Quincy, Florida, will direct the extra-activities.

C. O. Lindsey Accepts Oakland Heights Church

The Rev. C. O. Lindsey, pastor of Crystal Springs Church, Walthall County, has accepted the pastorate of the Oakland Heights church in Meridian. Dr. Eugene I. Farr, former pastor, has resigned. The Rev. Mr. Farr is a member of the faculty of Clarke College.

Mr. Lindsey received his B. A. degree from Mississippi College and his Bachelor of Theology degree from the New Orleans Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Lindsey is the former Miss Verdine Meria Newton of Brookhaven. She received her Bachelor of Missions degree from the New Orleans Theological Seminary. The Rev. and Mrs. Lindsey have one daughter, Rebecca Rhea, seven weeks old.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST GAINS

(Continued from Page One)

day school as the only church organization. There are 3,130 churches which sponsor Sunday school and W. M. U. as their only organizations, and 3,046 churches sponsoring Sunday school and Training Union as their only organizations.

The 15,357 Vacation Bible schools reported an enrollment of 1,485,360.

12.9 Per Cent of Churches Pastorless

A survey of churches with pastors indicates that 87.1 per cent of all churches now have pastors. A distribution shows that 86.2 per cent of the open country churches have pastors, 84.7 per cent of the village churches, 91.4 per cent of the town churches (populated center 501-2500), and 94.5 per cent of the city churches. The churches with services only once a month report only 83 per cent with pastors.

The 20 orphanages operated by Southern Baptist state conventions report property valued at \$11,192,603. They are caring for 4,606 children. They report expenditures of \$2,725,113 or \$644 per child for 1948.

Southern Baptists are now operating or have under construction 25 hospitals valued at \$42,176,301. They report debts of \$4,206,580, with operating receipts last year of \$22,056,859. There were 31,036 babies born in Southern Baptist hospitals with 153,958 white patients, and 2,960 Negro patients. They reported 12,286 charity patients. Expansion programs costing \$22,140,000 are being planned.

The four seminaries sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention reported a total enrollment of 2,832, with 1,760 ministerial students. They report property and endowment valued at \$13,639,108. The 28 senior colleges report a total enrollment of 39,278 with 3,999 ministerial students. They report property and endowment valued at \$75,140,681. The 24 junior colleges sponsored by Southern Baptists report 10,808 students with 1,096 ministerial students. They have property and endowment valued at \$21,836,450. The eight academies report 2,061 students with 213 ministerial students, and property and endowment valued at \$3,612,140. Total number of students for all schools reported 54,979, with 6,467 studying for the ministry. This does not include Baptist men studying for the ministry in non-Baptist schools. Total property and endowment is reported at \$114,228,379.

Total gifts for all purposes by church members in 1948 were \$156,-

B. H. BENTON LEADS GRIFFITH REVIVAL



REV. B. H. BENTON

Rev. B. H. Benton, pastor of Mt. Zion Church, Simpson County is leading in a revival at Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, June 5-12.

The Rev. L. W. Ferrell, pastor, states that services are held daily at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

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MISSIONARIES IN CHINA REPORTED SAFE

According to a telegram from Dr. M. Theron Rankin, all missionaries in Shanghai, Kunshan, Soochow and Wushu are safe and their property unharmed. These places are in the area recently conquered by the Chinese Communists.

Shanghai is reported peaceful and life normal.

The telegram further states that all schools are opening for summer work and all needs supplied.

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14 Added in McHenry Revival

Rev. E. R. Anderson, pastor of Long Beach Church did the preaching in a revival at McHenry Church May 19-22. Several visitors from his church rendered special music and did personal work during the meeting.

The music was under the direction of Dan Carter Hall of Wiggins. He plans to devote his life's work to evangelistic singing and teaching gospel music. Pastor N. J. Lee says that any church in need of an evangelistic singer will do well to secure the services of Mr. Hall.

There were fourteen additions to the church during the meeting and one young man, George Threadgill, surrendered to preach. A \$30 offering was taken for Gulf Coast Association-Missions.

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THE VOICE (\$1.75) BY FORREST E. Buffum and published by the Christopher Publishing House, shows the romance of the Bible and reveals the wonders and the beauty of life lived for God. It inspires youth, challenges adults and is a consolation to those in the evening of life. Order from the publisher at 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Mass.

605,521 compared with \$132,162,846 in 1947. Gifts for missions and benevolences increased from \$23,472,014 to \$31,750,299 and gifts for local causes increased from \$103,690,832 to \$124,856,115.

Value of all church property jumped from \$366,830,652 to \$450,385,517.

THE WORD OF THE CROSS IS BACCALAUREATE TEXT AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

By DR. W. A. SULLIVAN

Pastor, First Church, Natchez

Editor's Note: We regret that space limitations prevent printing Dr. Sullivan's sermon in full. This condensation will give an idea of how good it was.

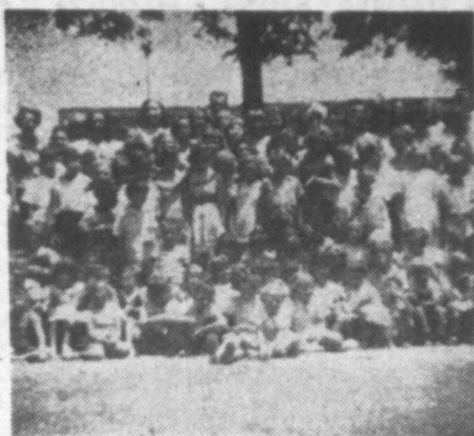
Paul's last stop before arriving at Corinth on his second missionary tour was Athens, center of Greek culture and philosophy. Jehovah was unknown. The Stoics and Epicureans brought Paul to Mars' Hill where he delivered what was, perhaps, "the greatest speech of his life." He complimented his hearers for their broadminded religious views; he quoted pagan poetry; he discussed comparative religion, and gave a philosophy of history; he talked about the creation of the universe, the origin of man, the unity of the race, man's inherent religious nature, and a coming judgment. So far as the record tells, however, he said nothing about the Cross. The philosophers laughed at him, ridiculed, and scoffed.

Paul left Athens a wiser man and better preacher. By the time he reached Corinth, he had determined to use only our text as subject: "I am determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1st Cor. 2:2). So later he wrote to the Corinthian Christians, "Christ sent me to preach the gospel; not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the word of the cross is to them who are perishing, foolishness, but unto us who are saved, it is the power of God" (1st Cor. 1:17, 18).

The Word of The Cross Was a Word of Shame, when Paul preached it. Cicero said, "The cross, it speaks of that which is so shameful, so horrible, that it should never be mentioned in polite society." Death by crucifixion was the most disgraceful and shameful death possible for one to die. In the shame of literal nakedness Jesus died the horrible death of a criminal and an outlaw. He suffered our shame. God laid on him (made to meet in him) the iniquity of us all (Isa. 53-6). Jesus Christ bore our sins in His own body to the cross, on the cross (1st Pet. 2:24). He died for all our sins (Titus 2:14).

The Word of The Cross Was an Offensive Word, when Paul preached it. A crucified Messiah was "a stumbling-block to the Jew." It offended his race pride and religious prejudices. A crucified Christos was to the Greek "sheer folly." It offended his intellectual pride and world wisdom. A crucified Christ still offends. The Cross is offensive to legalism in religion, the so-called social reformer, the ceremonial religionist, and all the pride and vanity of the unregenerate human heart. And yet the word of the cross is the only word which God ever commanded us to preach. We are commanded to preach it to all nations to every creature. Paul preached it with "no fine rhetoric," and was not ashamed of it. Christ crucified and risen again is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

The Word of The Cross Is God's Revealing Word. It reveals His love for sinners. Nothing else does. "God proved his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Roman 5:8). It reveals the righteousness of God; "That he might be just and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus." Before God can save a condemned and lost sinner He must deal justly with the sinner's sins. The Cross is the method graciously provided by which He can be just in the salvation of a condemned sinner. The Cross is no device provided to meet an emergency. It was central in God's eternal plan to re-create a moral and spiritual race for Himself,



Shown above is the Hickory Vacation Bible School which had an average attendance of 117. Mrs. J. B. Fanning was principal and Rev. Lewis Curtis, pastor.

'It's Tough To Be A Protestant'

By JOBU YASUMURA

Displaced Persons Representative Northern Baptist Convention

"It's tough to be a Protestant," Roland Elliott, director of the Displaced Persons department of Church World Service, said of the Protestant Displaced Persons the other day in an address that he gave before a meeting sponsored by the Protestant Council of the City of New York. He went on to say, "If you are a Jewish Displaced Person, you can expect to be resettled by the end of 1949. If you are a Catholic Displaced Person, your chances of resettlement over that of your Protestant neighbor is just about ten to one."

In recent months, the Jewish agencies have stepped up their program for the resettlement of their Displaced Persons with full-page advertisements like the one that appeared on April 7 in large metropolitan dailies appealing for \$250,000,000 to re-

unto Himself, like Himself, for His own glory. "Ye were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, who vainly was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times" (1st Pet. 1:18-20).

The Word of The Cross Is An Attractive and Compelling Word. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father who sent me draw him" (John 6:44). He said again, on that eventful day of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when certain Greeks came to Philip requesting an interview with Him: "The hour is come when the Son of man should be glorified. And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all kinds of men unto myself. This he said, signifying by what death he should die" (John 12:20-33). Hence, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:14-16).

Finally, The Word of The Cross Is God's Final Word. He can say no more. When Jesus died, He cried: "It is finished," translated literally, "Paid in full." With His own blood, He entered in once into the holy place, and obtained eternal redemption for us. There is no more than God can do. God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Gal. 6:14).

"When I survey they wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Salem, Hinds County Passes \$1500 Goal On Homecoming Day CHURCH HAS 65 MEMBERS

Salem Church in Hinds County held its annual Home-Coming Day on May 29. The church offering was designated for a Building Fund and a goal of \$1500 was set. With a church enrollment of just 65 members, the goal was not only reached but passed with \$1554 raised.

Rev. Bryan Simmons, Ellisville, brought the morning message; after which, dinner was served on the grounds. In the afternoon three former pastors, Rev. Owen Williams, Utica, Rev. W. L. Howse, Jackson, Florida, and Rev. J. B. Gordon, Jackson, brought short messages. Dr. L. B. Golden, Pickens pastor and a former Salem pastor, brought the main address of the afternoon.

The \$1,554 is the beginning of the fund for a \$5,000 church plant, to be constructed next spring. Building plans include a two story structure with eight class rooms, a kitchen, and two rest rooms.

Rev. Gordon Sather, a 1949 graduate of Mississippi College, has served Salem Church half-time since February, in connection with his half-time pastorate at Chapel Hill.

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

RACELAND, Ky.—(BP)—The Flatwoods Baptist Church here is seeking the identity of a 25-year-old man, victim of amnesia.

The man was found in Raceland last January and is suffering from loss of both memory and speech. He has straight black hair, brown eyes, is 6 feet, 4 inches, tall, and appears to be 23 to 25 years of age. There is a long white scar approximately two inches long on the back of his head, which wound presumably accounts for his loss of memory.

Settle every Jewish Displaced Person in 1949. The Catholic welfare agencies are calling upon their constituency to give up one day's pay for world-wide relief, part of which will certainly be used for Displaced Persons. We wonder how many Protestants share in this awareness of the needs of these unfortunate people.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Although Protestants are far behind in meeting their responsibilities concerning Displaced Persons, (only a few of the thousands of Displaced Persons entering the United States thus far are Protestant) the Baptist World Alliance has a well-rounded Displaced Persons program in action. In addition to Mr. Yasumura, the author of this article, who serves as Northern Baptist Displaced Persons Representative, a full-time Displaced Persons Coordinator, Dr. Randolph L. Howard, is employed in Washington. Rev. Fred Schatz represents the Baptist Displaced Persons committee in Europe, and Rev. Adolph Klaupiks is the field representative in this country. Charles R. Gage is the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Representative on the Baptist World Alliance Displaced Persons team. Write Mr. Gage at 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, La., for complete information on how to sponsor a d. p.)

THE FIVE W's

When reporting church news be sure to tell Who is involved in the event reported, What took place, and When; tell Where it happened, and Why.

Newsworthy events should be reported to the office of the Baptist Record as soon as possible after they occur. Quite often we receive an article on Wednesday (the Baptist Records are printed on Tuesday night) asking that they appear in that week's issue. Sometimes these events occurred one or two months before. Sometime we write back to the author and tell them that as they waited one or two months to send in the article, we are going to wait one or two weeks to use it.

Reports should reach our office by Wednesday and not later than Thursday each week to assure prompt publication.

Make a date with the Baptist Record every Monday to write up your church news and mail it at once.—Editor, with thanks to the Arkansas Baptist.

Four Times More Spent For Tobacco Than Religion

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The average American, smoker and non-smoker alike, spent \$28 for smoking tobacco in 1948. The average American smoker spent \$62.

Such is the revelation of C. Aubrey Hearn of Nashville in his new booklet, "What About Smoking?"

(The average American in 1948 contributed only \$6 to all religious causes, and the average American church member contributed only \$24 to all religious causes, according to United Stewardship Council statistics.)

The publication by Hearn also reveals that the smoking habit has so conquered the American people that the sale of cigarettes has doubled since 1939, and is 130 times that of 1914.

In fact, Hearn's figures reveal: In 1914 there were 3 billion cigarettes manufactured in the United States, but in 1918 this figure had jumped to 46 billion. By 1928 the number had increased to 106 billion. In 1935 the number had reached 140 billion; in 1940, 186 billion; in 1945, 332 billion; and in 1948, 388 billion.

The average American smoker consumes 17 cigarettes a day. This amounts to an individual expenditure of \$62 a year—which sum with interest would reach almost \$750 in 10 years.

Hearn's book is free of prejudicial ranting that so often characterizes this sort of presentation. His effort is a highly documented manuscript, intended plainly to help young people to intellectually rebel against social pressure which makes smoking fashionable. The book is illustrated by pen sketches by Jack Hamm. It sells for 50 cents from Baptist Book Stores.

Santa Rosa, First Adds 18

First Church of Santa Rosa, organized in November, 1948, held its first revival May 8-15. Dr. Roy Beaman, professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, was the visiting evangelist. There were 18 additions to the church.

The church now has an enrollment of 84 members.

Rev. Olyn S. Sims of New Orleans is the pastor.

BETHLEHEM, SIMPSON DEDICATES BUILDING

Bethlehem Church in Simpson County dedicated their new church building the fifth Sunday in May. The pastor preached the dedicatory sermon, using as his subject "Why a Baptist Church." Rev. J. P. Bush offered the dedicatory prayer.

Deacon J. R. Buckley of Pleasant Hill Church brought a message on "Some Historical Events in the Old Church." Mr. Bush brought a message on "The Church and Teaching the Bible." Miss Edwina Robinson presented the "W. M. U. Work." Miss Bertha Wallace, of the Home Mission Board, spoke on "Some Phases of the W. M. U. Work in the Southern Baptist Convention."

During the afternoon, the pastor, Rev. B. E. Phillips, administered the ordinance of baptism and the church also observed The Lord's Supper.

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BSU OFFICERS ELECTED AT CO-LIN JR. COLLEGE

The B. S. U. at Co-Lin has elected the following officers for next year: Joe Long of Saltillo, president; Membership Chairman, George Montgomery and Elaine Moore; Social Chairman, Martha Bell; Devotional Chairman, Buddy Ratcliff; Sunday School Representatives, Eloise Coward and William Magee; B. T. U. Representatives, Charlotte Crocker and Faye Lingle; Secretary, Kennie Keyes; Treasurer, Lonnie Posey; Publicity, Dorothy Jean Bass and Joyce Roberts and Y. W. A. Representative, Sarah Ann Britt.

These officers were installed at a "Rainbow Banquet" in the college dining hall. Mr. Riley Munday of Mississippi Southern was the toastmaster and Rev. Wayne Todd of Jackson was the speaker for the occasion.

Miss Jean Furr of Tylertown has been the Faculty Advisor for the Council this year.

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Church Withdraws From Northern Baptist Convention

SAN FRANCISCO (RNS)—Just a few hours before the opening of the Northern Baptist Convention, the Twenty-Third Avenue Baptist Church of Oakland announced its withdrawal from the Convention.

The action was taken, the Rev. G. Archer Weniger said, after six months of study by a 16-man committee of deacons who charged the Convention was dominated by theological modernism.

In withdrawing from the Convention, the church also severed its connection with the Convention's allied agencies—the Bay Cities Baptist Union and the Northern California Baptist Convention. It maintains affiliation with the Conservative Baptist Association of America.

"There was some reluctance about this decision," Mr. Weniger stated, "but since the church was ruled out of the fellowship by the Northern Baptist Convention last year in Milwaukee by virtue of the 'Milwaukee Declaration of Denominational Cooperation,' as were hundreds of other Bible-believing Baptist churches who refused to support the Convention liberalism, it was thought best to accept this situation and withdraw completely."

CUBANS HONOR CAUDILL ON ANNIVERSARY

By JOHN CAYLOR



REV. HERBERT CAUDILL

For twenty years Rev. Herbert Caudill has been a missionary serving the Home Mission Board in Cuba. Quiet of manner but definite in leadership, Herbert Caudill is the type of missionary to lead Cuban Baptists. Fellow missionaries honor him, and Cuban brethren follow him.

Mrs. J. D. Granberry and Miss Mildred Matthews report on anniversary banquet held in May at the Gran America Hotel in Havana honoring the Home Board missionary upon the completion of 20 years in Cuba.

The banquet was held by members of the English-speaking congregation, but friends from widely separated places came to pay their respects to the Caudill family. Guests, now resident in Cuba, are from Scotland, Austria, Germany, Costa Rica, Panama, and the United States.

Mrs. Granberry reports: "He was praised for his loyalty and devotion to the task of winning souls for Christ in Cuba. Gratitude was expressed to Mrs. Caudill for her tireless efforts in helping to maintain a Sunday school, Woman's Missionary Society, and an English-speaking church in Havana. Recognition was given to the little Caudill missionaries, Margaret, 15, already a teacher of Bible in her school; Jane, 12, a leader in her Spanish-speaking church and mission at Regla; and Herbert, Jr., three years old, a faithful member of the Sunbeam Band and of two Sunday school classes, one in English and one in Spanish."

Superintendent Caudill has varied responsibilities in connection with the Cuban work. There are 65 churches and 136 missionaries. The churches need buildings, and the missionaries need encouragement. It is a part of the responsibility of the superintendent to direct the building program. The Bottoms Trust Fund of the Home Mission Board has provided funds for the erection of a number of beautiful stone buildings for Cuban Baptist churches. There is need for money to build a dozen churches which are greatly in need of meeting places at this time.

Contract is to be let soon by the superintendent acting for the Home Mission Board for the erection of a school building to cost \$118,000.

Missionary Caudill is also president and teacher in the Baptist seminary which trains Cuban ministers.

Miss Ruth Ileene O'Dell has just

COLUMBIA, FIRST CHURCH ENROLLS 197 IN V.B.S.

First Church, Columbia, had an average attendance of 197 in the Vacation Bible School held May 23-27, which was under the direction of Miss Ruby Evans. Due to construction work being done on the educational building, the VBS was held in the Columbia Grammar School.

On May 27 a program, presenting the work of each department, was given in the assembly and handwork was displayed in the respective departments.

Members of the faculty were:

Beginners Dept.: Mrs. Quentin Speed, Mrs. Marx P. Brown, Mrs. J. T. Waldrop, Mrs. I. L. Broome, Mrs. Fenton Polk, Erma Jean Davis, Dora Ann Bass,

been elected by the Home Mission Board as a missionary to Cuba. She is a musician of known ability, a native of Lebanon, Missouri, and graduate of Woman's Missionary Union Training School.

Miss O'Dell will replace Mrs. Frank K. Pool who has resigned her work in Cuba to return to the States. The seminary and training school students in Cuba have made great progress in music under the leadership of Mrs. Pool and the earlier teaching of Mrs. H. R. Moseley, retired.

Faye Welch, Patricia Chassey, Carolyn Ross, and Lynn Dye.

Primary Dept.: Mrs. Spurgeon Mayfield, Mrs. Maxie Tolar, Mrs. Frank Matulich, and Mrs. W. J. Pierce, Mrs. Lem Pittman, Ada Lee Pope, Elaine Brumfield, Mary Ella Norman, and Tressie Bennett.

Junior Dept.: Miss Folsie Evans, Mrs. Jessie Jordan, Mrs. Dezzie Pierce, Mrs. Alford Herrington, Mrs. Gladys Woods, Mrs. Wood Polk, Mrs. Tom Watts, Mrs. Albert Tolar, Mrs. E. N. Courtney, Mrs. Ratcliff Prisk, Mrs. J. O. Cagle, Mrs. Carrie Cooper, Mrs. Carrie Bennett, Mrs. C. B. Berry, Mrs. Folsie Hood, Mrs. Charlie Sauls, Ida Mae Dye, Ronnie Herrington, Mr. T. D. Whitfield, Sr., Ray Tolar, and Fred Fortenberry.

Intermediate Dept.: Mrs. Lee Harger, Mrs. John Trent, Mrs. Fleet Burkett, Mrs. Lloyd Fortenberry, Mrs. Jay Pennington, and Mr. Fred Fortenberry.

Joyce Butler, General Secretary; Mrs. A. W. Applewhite, Chorister; and Rev. John Trent and Mrs. Marx P. Brown.

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THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL

officers have been elected at Blue Mountain College for 1949-50: Superintendent, Cynthia Porter, Townville, S. C.; associate superintendent, Jan Pegues, Tupelo; chorister, Elizabeth Reynolds, Sumter, S. C.; pianist, Evelyn Hill, Luxora, Ark.; art director, Jo Ann Lindsay, Jacksonville, Fla.; general secretaries—Helen James, Sumner; Grace Gamble, Baldwin; Yvette Shirley, Forest; and Margaret Payne, Senatobia.

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Sparks & Splinters

MAIN STREET CHURCH, HATTIESBURG, Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor, has adopted another missionary. The new missionary is Mrs. William O. Gaventa, a native of Rogersville, Tennessee. Mrs. Gaventa has been appointed to serve in Nigeria, along with her husband, who is a medical doctor. Mrs. Gaventa graduated from the Florida State College, Tallahassee, and the W. M. U. Training School, Louisville. The church is already supporting Miss Erlene Paulk, Hawaii.

STURGIS AND MORGAN CHAPEL Churches have recently had one of the best Training Union Study Courses in their history. Morgan Chapel was the host church to the Training Union workers who came with such regularity that seventy-four was the largest number present any one night and yet sixty-five was the smallest, and seventy-two qualified for awards. This course has helped greatly to re-vitalize interest in the Training Union organization of these two churches. John E. Barrow is pastor.

THE FOLLOWING BAPTIST TRAINING Union officers have been elected for the 1949-50 session of Blue Mountain College: Director, Vickie Flowers, Terry; associate director, Virginia ShumPERT, Aberdeen; enlistment chairman, Sally Shanks, Sumner; Bible readers leader, Georgiann Bliss, Vicksburg; secretary, Gall Nelms, Gadsden, Ala.; missionary chairman, Charlene Watkins, Bruce; art director, Millicent Pierce, Bogalusa, La.; pianist, Erin Stuart, Greenwood; social leader, Julia McCurry, Knoxville, Tenn.; chorister, Janell Little, Lambert; presidents—Betty Harper, Trenton, Tenn.; Margaret and Mary Blanche McMullen, Sumner; Janelle Slaughter, Mobile, Ala.; Martha Clements, Berry, Ala.; and Yvette Shirley, Forest.

THE FOLLOWING BLUE MOUNTAIN students will do special religious work during the summer: Mary Jane Netherly, Tupelo, will do Youth Revival work; Mary Frances Palmer, Baldwin, and Wilma Norman, New Albany, will work with the State Sunday School Department; the following will serve as counselors at Camp Garaywa: Yoeko Kajita, Kokura, Japan; Maurene Collums, Houlika; Merceve Jackson, Sturgis; Betty Jo Braddock, Ripley; Janet Washburne, Delhi, La.; and Alice Oliver, Kosciusko.

CHICAGO HOTELS ARE NOW RE-ceiving reservations for the Southern Baptist Convention next May. Write direct to Chicago hotels for rates. Stevens, Morrison, Congress, Sherman, LaSalle are a few. Y. M. C. A. rooms are available at a lower rate for men without wives.

MISS LILLIAN WEST OF VERONA, is available during the summer months as pianist in revivals.

DR. S. R. WOODSON, PASTOR OF the First Church, Columbus, delivered the Baccalaureate address for the 1949 graduating class at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee. Dr. Warren Jones is the president.

DR. O. S. THOMAS WRITES THAT he is now a patient at the Sanatorium, Sanatorium, Mississippi, and will appreciate having his friends call by as they pass that way.

IN A RECENT REVIVAL IN THE Lamar Heights Church in Memphis, Dr. E. R. Woodson, pastor of the First Church, Columbus, was the visiting evangelist and J. Herman Adams directed the music. There were 82 additions during the meeting. Rev. John W. Bass is the pastor.

MISS EMOJEAN RAY OF PONTOTOC was principal of the Houlika Vacation Bible School. There were 85 pupils enrolled. Pillow cases and cup towels, made by the Junior and Intermediate girls, and a cash offering from the group was given to the Old Ladies' Home.

SINNERS IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY GOD (20c) is a sermon which was preached by Jonathan Edwards in 1741, from the text Deut 32:35. It has become one of the most famous sermons on the continent and is still being preached after 200 years. Orders should be sent to The Faith Publishers, Hickory, Ky.

SAN FRANCISCO—(RNS)—THE Northern Baptist Convention approved a 1949-50 budget of \$6,173,830 at its annual meeting here. This amount is a decrease of \$1,326,170 from last year.

IN A RECENT BTU STUDY COURSE at Houlika, J. O. Harwood taught "The Growing Christian" to the adults; Mrs. H. L. Andrews taught the Intermediate Manual to 20 Intermediates, and Mrs. J. R. Brown taught "My Family and I" to 30 Juniors.

OUACHITA COLLEGE, ARKANSAS Baptist institution, suffered a serious fire loss on May 24. Lightning struck the main building, known as "Old Main," and it was completely burned. College records were saved and the library did not burn but is severely damaged and only a part of it can be salvaged.

DR. JOHN A. HELD, WHO HAD much to do with the early days of Baptist work with college students, has compiled a series concerning this work by four individuals who have been in a position to see the work grow: Dr. John P. Boone, Mrs. R. L. Brown, Dr. Frank H. Leavell, and Dr. Held. The book is entitled A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST STUDENT UNION, (25c), and is not only interestingly written, but informative and challenging to Baptist students and student leaders. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF discussion recently at a national study conference under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches over a resolution calling for "Protestants and Roman Catholics to join forces against the anti-church methods used by Communists." The resolution was about to pass when Dr. J. M. Dawson, secretary of the Baptist Public Relations Committee, threw a monkey-wrench into the proceedings by proposing an amendment which said: "The practices of freedom in non-communist countries are imperiled by pressures exerted by the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The ecclesiastical organization and policies of the Roman Catholic Church do not accord with the preservation and extension of religious freedom." Final result was that both resolution and amendment were referred back to the executive committee for further consideration.

THE Y. W. A. AT BLUE MOUNTAIN College has elected the following officers for the 1949-50 session: President, Sylvia Burr, Springfield, Tenn.; vice-president, Emily Owen, Memphis, Tenn.; secretary-treasurer, Letitia Bidgelow, Memphis, Tenn.; program chairman, Anne Buchanan, Birmingham, Ala.; mission study chairman, Yokena Kajita, Kokura, Japan; community missions, Marjean Willis, Montgomery, Ala.; literature chairman, Mary Frances Palmer, Baldwin; social chairman, Mertice Baker, Clanton, Ala.; chorister, Mary Ann Boland, Tralake; poster chairman, Bettye Burr, Springfield, Tenn.; and pianist, Shirley Wieland, Trenton, Tenn.

THE MAY ISSUE OF THE BAPTIST STUDENT MAGAZINE contains an interesting and helpful article by Owen Cooper, a deacon of the First Church, Jackson. The title of the article is "I Married a Home-Maker."

Keen Is Palestine Pastor



REV. H. E. KEEN

Rev. H. E. Keen, Jr., has accepted the pastorate of Palestine Church in Hinds County and began his work a few weeks ago. He succeeded Rev. R. L. Wallace, who resigned to give full-time to his pastorate at Raymond.

Mr. Keen is a student at Mississippi College. Harvey R. Lewis, Sunday School Superintendent, reports that since Mr. Keen came the church has gone from quarter time to half-time and a Training Union has already been organized.

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Standing By The Principle

Editor's Note: This article is copied from the Baptist Herald, published by the First Church of Shawnee, Okla. It is taken from an article published about 1895 and was written by Dr. R. M. Deedley, the president of Georgetown College, Kentucky.

"I am not a Baptist because Baptists practice restricted communion, or immersion, or refuse infant baptism. I am a Baptist because I am bound by the Word of God in all matters of faith and practice. I believe in immersion not because I believe in one act above another but because the Bible teaches it; so of close communion; and so of the rejection of infant baptism. For these peculiarities as peculiarities I care nothing at all. Indeed I am sorry that we are peculiar in these matters. But these peculiarities embody an underlying principle in religion that is more important than reputation or life itself. And to surrender these peculiarities is to surrender the principle. And if an honest adherence to it and an honest endeavor to practice it bring odium upon us let us have the manliness to bear it. To seek odium is detestable; to run from the post of conscience or of duty to avoid it is cowardly and traitorous."

"If I am a Baptist and if I am proud of it, I want that it shall affect me not in the way of making me narrow and bigoted and intolerant, but humble, patient, loving towards those who differ from me, and hearty, generous, energetic and persevering in the use of my time, talents and means of the furtherance of the good cause. Let us show our devotion to our principles, not by watchful attention to the needs of the cause we love. Thus shall we best show to men our fidelity and zeal; and thus best help the truth in its onward march to complete and final victory."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

June 5, 1949

Hattiesburg, Main Street	822	250
New Albany, First	678	169
Crystal Springs	637	170
East Fork	107	44
Shady Grove (George County)	128	124
Union (Pearl River County)	160	135
Chalybeate	67	35
Popular Springs (Simpson County)	84	---
Pascagoula, First	500	166
Eastlawn Mission	54	14
Holly Springs (Lincoln County)	52	---
Rawls Springs (Forrest County)	127	126
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	105	91
Wallerville (Union County)	110	37
Center	105	---
Glenfield (Union County)	50	29
Gulfport, First	551	134
Lucedale	372	98
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	76	64
Union (Alcorn Association)	38	51
Darling	70	19
Bruce	206	79
Delay	46	52
Corinth, Tate Street	282	102
East Moss Point	192	89
Sharon (Simpson County)	70	28
Hebron (Jones County)	78	73
Pleasant Hill (Lincoln County)	107	50
Florence, Steens Creek	176	47
West Laurel	393	117
Centreville	151	45
Sharon (Jones County)	123	119
Booneville, First	272	125
East McComb	438	200
Friendship (Pike County)	198	78
Laurel, Second Avenue	410	122
Beulah (Simpson County)	195	125
Pleasant Valley (Simpson County)	86	86
Brookhaven, First	944	282
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	110	40
Zion (Pontotoc County)	84	46
Columbus, First	861	221
Durant, First	223	85
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	65	33
Paynes	176	65
Jackson, Northside	433	139
Jackson, Van Winkle	408	201
Jackson, First	1207	316
Jackson, Calvary	1220	245
Calvary Mission	22	20
Bryam (Hinds County)	129	90
Ridgeland (Madison County)	52	40
May 29, 1949		
Corinth, Tate Street	297	104
West Corinth	231	89
Glenfield (Union County)	41	22
Sharon (Jones County)	125	109
Rocky Creek (George County)	251	---
East Moss Point	226	80
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	71	41
Hebron (Jones County)	64	89
Rawls Springs (Forrest County)	127	89
Pleasant Valley	58	70
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	97	82

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AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Rev. Orman Knight, Richton; Rev. Virgil B. Sumrall, Leakesville; Mrs. J. G. Holcomb, Mrs. Janie Gamble, Mrs. N. E. Deas and Edward, Billy, and Bobby, Purvis; Rev. W. L. Howse, Jacksonville, Florida; Miss Lillian West, Verona; Rev. C. O. Estes, Canton; Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr., Clinton; Rev. James N. Brister, Yazoo City; Dr. Webb Brame, Yazoo City; "Scotch" McCall, Jr., Clinton; Rev. Van H. Hardin, Rolling Fork; Mrs. A. R. Sandifer and Mrs. J. J. Sandifer, Jackson; Hazel Bradford, Mobile, Alabama; Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Baxter, and Mrs. E. C. Edwards, McComb; Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Evergreen; John Edward Herren, Wade Whittington, Kenneth Jenkins, James Heren, Rev. V. R. Crider, Rena Lara; Rev. M. P. Jones, Wesson; Rev. Fred Williams, Laurel; Rev. A. T. Walker, Jerrel Walker, McLaurin.

— Woman's Missionary Union —

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION ANNUAL MEETING Oklahoma City

THEME: THE WORLD FOR CHRIST! HALLELUJAH!

Approximately 5,000 delegates and visitors registered for the meeting, with additional visitors who did not register.

Outstanding Speakers

Miss Margaret Applegarth, Missionary Journalist and Lecturer.

Congressman Walter H. Judd, formerly missionary to China.

Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, Executive Secretary, the Board of Education and Publication of the Northern Baptist Convention, Philadelphia, Pa.
Dr. R. G. Lee, President Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Harold Storm, Bahrain, Arabia.

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Vice-president Baptist World Alliance.

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Mrs. Fred A. McCaulley, California.
Miss LaVera Muffin, Rachel Sims Mission, N. O.

Mrs. J. L. Moye, Mexico.

Foreign Missionaries:

David Mein, Recife, Brazil.
Mrs. D. F. Stamps, China.
Miss Josephine Harris, Hawaii.
Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby, Brazil.
Miss Margaret Marchman, Nigeria.
Miss Virginia Wingo, appointee to Rome, Italy.

Nationals:

Mrs. Nemesio Garcia, Guauajay, Cuba.
Mrs. Y. K. Chang, China.
Miss Anna Veneziano, Italy.
Mrs. Adola Adegbite, Nigeria.

The sessions were preceded by prayer meetings, the power from which was felt by all present.

Mississippi Delegation Not Filled

Each state is allowed 60 delegates and as many visitors as can attend. We had more than forty present for the Woman's Missionary Union meeting but did not have the full delegation.

LOTTIE MOON

OFFERING ANNOUNCED

The total gifts for the Foreign Mission Offering was \$1,669,683.38! The offering for Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union was over \$76,000—an increase of almost \$12,000 over last year's offering.

Climax on Tuesday Night

The devotional message was the experience of one who "ran from the call" but who has heard and answered His call to be the Dean of women for the New Training School for girls to be opened in Rome, Italy. This school is a memorial to Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, past president Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Storm of Arabia told of His workings in the difficult Moslem field. Southern Baptists have plans for entering Moslem fields soon. Dr. T. F. Adams challenged our hearts and lives with his conception of our Baptist World Fellowship—its privileges and responsibilities. As he closed his message, the combined choirs of

the Baptist churches of Oklahoma City sang Handel's great Hallelujah Chorus.

Gains in 1948

Reported by Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary.

A membership gain of 69,097, bringing the total to 875,298.

A gain of 2,891 organizations, making a total of 49,613.

6,486 new organizations as compared with 5,494 the previous year.

26,816 more tithers than reported in 1947.

1,282 more organizations observing season of prayer for state missions.

1,429 more organizations observing season of prayer for home missions.

1,267 more organizations observing the foreign mission season of prayer.

A gain of 6,256 mission study classes bringing the total to 66,102.

273 more Full Graded W. M. U. Systems.

3,538 more organizations reporting community missions.

31,013 more members engaged in community missions.

An increase of \$95,754.86 in the amount contributed to the Annie Armstrong Offering, the 1948 offering being \$654,432.75.

An increase of \$150,602.07 in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the amount of the 1948 offering being \$1,603,013.71.

An increase of \$325,711.13 in contributions through the Cooperative Program.

An increase of \$1,011,577.53 in gifts to all purposes.

In addition to the above figures from the Union's full report, the following will be of interest to the members of missionary societies:

84,042 of 364 in the number of societies one hundred per cent in this effort, making a total of 877.

525 more Business Woman's Circles, bringing the total to 3,862.

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Deacons Are Reminded Of Leadership Responsibility

A Baptist Record reader has set up four obligations for deacons. Deacons are named as leaders and should fill the bill. Church members cannot be expected to attend study courses, workers councils, teachers' meetings, etc., if church leaders fail to attend. The following are the suggested responsibilities of those who have been selected for the divine privilege of serving as deacons:

(1). Attendance at all meetings of the church unless providentially hindered—including Sunday School, Preaching service, Training Union, Prayer meeting, Officers and Teachers meetings, and Study Courses.

(2). Support your church not only with your presence, but with prayer, love, Bible study, and Scriptural giving.

(3). Sponsor programs for building up the church—visitation, prayer, Bible study and even an occasional social.

(4). Back up your preacher in whatever he tries to do. Be big enough to see two sides of a matter.

LANDRUM LEAVELL LEADS UNION CHURCH, PIKE CO.



REV. LANDRUM LEAVELL

Under the direction of Pastor Landrum Leavell, Union Church in Pike County is at work beautifying the church grounds and the building.

The Rev. Mr. Leavell is a student at the New Orleans Theological Seminary and has been pastor of the church since November, 1948.

A Training Union study course and a Vacation Bible School will be held in July.

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HARMONY, JONES, GRANTS 115 VBS CERTIFICATES

The Vacation Bible School of Harmony Church in Jones County, held its commencement exercises on Friday evening, May 27, closing a five-day school. The average attendance was 100. There were 81 with perfect attendance. The Beginners Department led with the highest enrollment.

Workers during the Vacation Bible School are as follows: Principal, Mrs. J. E. Goodgame; Secretary, Mrs. Louis Riles; Pianist, Miss Jeannette Jones; Church Hostess, Mrs. Dean Belding. Beginners Department: Mrs. W. B. Stumph, Superintendent, Mesdames H. L. Fewell, Norsworthy, Johnson, and Hilton. Primary Department: Mrs. Ance Jordan, Superintendent, Mrs. L. C. Ratcliff, and Miss Cherlere Scoggin. Junior Department: Mrs. L. Tims, Superintendent; Mrs. Fannie Posey and Miss Tommie Ratcliff. Intermediate Department: Mrs. Ethridge Bush, Superintendent; Mrs. T. J. Sheppard, and Miss Ruth Price.

The pastor, Rev. H. L. Fewell, presented 115 certificates at the commencement.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- June 13—Intermediate R. A. Camp at Garaywa; Rev. S. B. Harrington, Holmes County Convention Board member.
- June 14—Vacation Bible Schools; T. L. Everett, Clarke College faculty.
- June 15—Dr. E. C. Williams, State Sunday School Secretary; R. Wayne Ousley, Lauderdale County Brotherhood President.
- June 16—Emmitt Reebe, Holmes Association Training Union Director; Paul Owen, New Albany, Blue Mountain College trustee.
- June 17—R. A. Cooper, Carroll Association Sunday School Superintendent. Mrs. Olen Morgan, Hinds W M U Association Young People's leader.
- June 18—R. Carl Hardy, IZON Association Sunday School Superintendent; Rev. S. E. Sumrall, Clarke College trustee.
- June 19—Virgil Humphrey, District 12 Training Union President.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACEY CAMPBELL

June 12. AT THE CROSS. Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:15-47; Luke 23:26-47; 24:1-6; John 19:23-37.

I. The Importance of It

Mark this date: Friday, April 7, A. D. 30. Some careful scholars have fixed this as the date of the death of Jesus. It is the most important date in all history. Upon it was enacted the most momentous event in the annals of our race. The cross of Christ is the hinge upon which the epoch event of history has turned. Here at the cross, as nowhere else in all the mighty tide of time, "The Lord is in His holy temple," and now, "Let all the earth keep silence before Him." Here is God's own holy altar and upon it the acceptable and accepted sacrifice. The eyes of the world are turned upon it, but they see things different there as the things they bring to the seeing.

II. The Roman Soldiers

"When they came unto the place which is called the skull, there they crucified Him. . . . And parting His garments among them, they cast lots" (Luke 23:33, 34). Under the centurion, there were four of these soldiers, they who nailed the body to the cross and set the cross in its socket. So enured were these men to sights of suffering that this spectacle of three Jews nailed to three crosses and left to die made no deep impression upon them. They exhibit the concentrated essence of selfishness. They were bent upon making profit out of the occasion, no matter how slight the profit be.

Now there are a billion people in the world like them, people who do not hate Christ, but who are profoundly indifferent to Him, mindful only anywhere of any means whereby they may accrue profit. Like these soldiers, they do not bother themselves with religion; their concern is to get the most they can out of this world. Could you get a pencil and a piece of paper and write down a list of the names of people in your own church (maybe put your name at the top) who are just like that?

III. The People

"And the people stood beholding" (Luke 23:35). The crowd, the gazing multitude, so like a vast flock of shepherdless sheep, stood looking on, bewildered, disillusioned. Many of them had followed foolishly and from low motives, it is true, but they had for three years followed a Leader, a Deliverer, never able thoroughly to appreciate Him, even as millions now are unable to do, but they did follow Him. Drawn by the tenderness of His compassion, moved powerfully by the signs of His power, and now the end is His crucifixion!

They had hoped that it was He who should redeem Israel, and now He is nailed to the Roman cross! They had hoped, they had dared to believe, that things, where He was concerned, would be as they wished them. Well, we have the same great mass of people with us yet. They have a more or less vague idea of what Jesus is to do, and they become perplexed when He wrecks their plans for them.

IV. The Rulers of the Jews

"The rulers also scoffed at Him." They were Pharisees, Sadducees, priests and scribes. Let us grant them sincerity, that is, that they thought they were right. "Oh, but they were hypocrites!" Could they not have thought it was right for them to be hypocrites? Could they have thought it best for them to look out first for themselves, and from this prudent position, have reasoned that what they did was right? Are there

RAND WRITES THE POPE

The Pope
Vatican City
Rome, Italy

Dear Sir:

As a Southern Baptist I would appreciate you making your position clear on the subject of "religious liberty."

We in the United States have read much about your fears for the religious liberty of your people in Russian dominated countries. What we would like to know is are you ready now to grant religious liberty to our brother Baptists and Protestants in Spain and Portugal?

In the United States where your church is in the minority, it has been able to grow and prosper because of the religious liberty that we grant to Roman Catholics. Yet in Roman Catholic Countries your church has been brutally intolerant of Baptists and Protestants. For this reason I would appreciate it if you would clarify your concept of religious liberty in Roman Catholic controlled countries.

Many Protestants in the United States have grown suspicious of your church because of the intolerant attitude of your clergy. It is my sincere hope and prayer that you may be able to dispell our doubts about your motives by making your position clear on this vital issue.

This letter and your answer will be sent to our Southern Baptist State papers.

I pray that your answer will be in the spirit of Christ.

Sincerely,

CORNELIUS K. RAND

among us no Sadducees who pride themselves on their ability to reason and upon their freedom from all superstition, and who demand to see a proved miracle? And scores of hundreds, are there not, who are very religious in their own eyes; but who, going about to establish their righteousness, can not submit themselves to the righteousness of God? Self-deluded as to their own condition, they think they are right in the sight of God.

V. The Malefactors

There were two of these. Bryan Simons, in a sermon preached in Laurel years ago, fixed in my heart forever the fact that there are just two classes of people in the world when screened by the Christian sifter—the impenitent and the penitent.

One of these crucified malefactors was impenitent. He said, "Art not thou the Christ?" This is a radical question, a question demanding "Yes" as answer. The asker has no doubt of the identity of Jesus. But in spite of this, and all the other evidence the occasion afforded, as the rock-rending earthquake, the darkening daylight, the swirl of earth and atmosphere, he died impenitent.

While the other denied of all the man-made means of grace, found in broken and contrite spirit the way, and in the matchless grace of Jesus the power of salvation. This penitent robber had none of the popular adjuncts to the process of salvation. There was no church for him to join; no baptism, no Lord's Supper, no chance to make restitution of aught he had stolen or taken at the point of his sword. There was only a merciful Saviour to hear a penitent sinner beg to be remembered in mercy, but that was and for all time is sufficient.

VI. The Women

Of course! His mother stood there. Where else could she stand? There were those whose hopes were dashed by the event, even his own mother, but that did not drive her away. No depth to which any man may descend, no flood of calumny poured upon his head, no river of trouble beneath swirling current he may be whelmed will drive a mother from the side of a suffering son.

MISS. COLLEGE YEARBOOK HONORS MISS STEVENS



MISS ADDIE MAE STEVENS

The Tribesman, yearbook of 123-year-old Mississippi College, was dedicated in chapel to Miss Addie Mae Stevens, for many years registrar of the college. Miss Stevens received the first copy of the 1949 annual from the editor of the book, Senior Frank Hart Smith of Greenwood, Mississippi.

Miss Stevens has served the students in the field of registration and records and is known by many of the college alumni throughout the south.

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REV. I. F. METTS, PASTOR OF THE Ackerman Church is in Truman, Arkansas, this week preaching in a revival at the First Church there.

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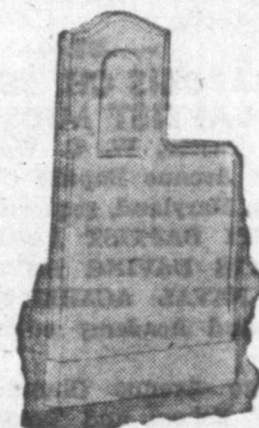
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Church Groups Back Crusading Pastor

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(RNS)—A number of religious groups have joined the Rev. Holland London, Nazarene pastor who is crusading against gambling and vice here.

They include the Baptist Ministers Association, the Orthodox Rabbis of St. Louis, the Carondelet Ministerial Association and the Nazarene Ministerial Association. The Ritenour Kiwanis Club has also joined forces with Mr. London.

The crusading pastor said he took a personal poll in restaurants and hotel lobbies to find how people felt about his efforts. He said more than 90 per cent were in favor of the drive.

Mr. London and members of the Baptist Ministerial group said they would seek a meeting with Governor Forrest if gambling and vice are not soon halted.

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ANNAPOLIS CH. SEEKS TO AID BAPTIST MIDSHIPMEN

The Pastor, W. C. Wood, of the College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, Maryland, requests that MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PASTORS AND PARENTS HAVING BOYS IN THE U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY send the name and Academy address of the boys.

College Avenue Church with its Sunday School and Training Union organizations is eager to contact all Baptist boys in the Naval Academy. In addition, there are homes within the membership of the Church which welcome these boys as guests. It is not possible to secure the Midshipmen's names and religious affiliation from the Academy officials.

Please send this information now, so that the new class of Midshipmen may be contacted. In order to join the Baptist Church Party from the Academy each Sunday morning, the Midshipment must formally make this request to Academy officials before the Fall session begins.

The Church address is 90 College Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland.

(Editor's Note: Since running notices, such as this one, for the past four years, attendance of Baptist Midshipment has increased from 25 to 150.

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PROTESTANTS INCREASE 200% IN MISSION FIELDS

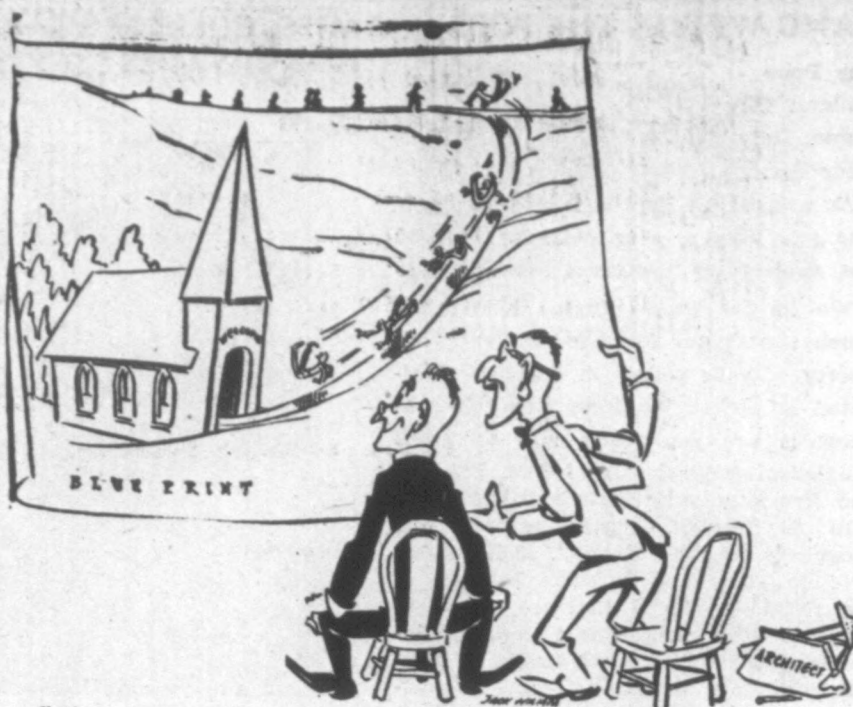
NEW YORK—(RNS)—Protestants in foreign mission areas have increased over 200 per cent in the last 23 years, it was disclosed in a report issued here by the International Missionary Council.

The report was prepared by E. J. Bingle, research secretary for the International Missionary Council, London. It is based on a study covering 120 countries and island groups outside the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and Europe.

Protestant numbers in these countries, the report said, jumped from 6,517,697 in 1925 to 25,341,283 in 1948.

In Latin America, the largest gains were reported in Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico. The increases were from 69,527 to 1,657,524 in Brazil, from 3,350 to 259,056 in Argentina, and from 31,138 to 265,148 in Mexico.

According to the report, there is



"The greased walk comes extra, but it pays for itself in a short time."

BAPTISTS RECALL PAST, REMINDED OF NEED

By G. Allen West

"God of our fathers," help us in this hour to answer the needs, the challenge, the opportunities, the burdening responsibilities to proclaim Christ to a lost world weighs heavily upon the hearts of our leaders and people.

OBSERVE THE NEEDS

These needs are so tremendous: the need to heal humanity's hurt — through hospitals; the need to provide Christian education for youth — through schools and colleges; the need to provide amply for the training of our God-called preachers and missionaries — through seminaries; the need to provide for our youth in a virile program that will attract them for and to our Saviour — through camps and assemblies; the need to win the great host of lost in our overcrowded cities, the neglected in the country and rural sections, the forgotten foreign-language groups in many sections of our south — through state and home missions; the need to go after the lost and bewildered peoples of China, India, Japan, the countries of Europe, of the Near East, of Africa and of South America — through foreign missions. Without the power of God's grace we can never relieve them!

OBSERVE THE INTEREST

Our people are so interested and concerned about these problems that they have launched forth into great fund-raising programs.

In the various states of the Convention there are programs for building and endowment, for schools, colleges, and hospitals which will amount to approximately \$38,000,000. An additional amount of more than \$3,000,000 is being sought for our seminaries in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Our churches have not forgotten the needs of the people at home. We are building larger and more adequate church buildings. More than \$110,000,000 will be spent on Baptist church buildings during 1948-49.

OBSERVE THE DANGER SIGNAL

We have not forgotten our campaign of the "thirties" to pay off our at present a world total of 192,987 workers in the Protestant foreign mission field. Of this number only 25,989 are ordained clergymen, the remaining 166,998 are laymen and women.

staggering debts. But there is danger ahead! It is the danger that we will become so involved in campaigns — church centered, state centered, or Southern Baptist Convention centered — that we lose sight of the greatest aid to Mission work Southern Baptists have ever discovered namely, the Cooperative Program. It is the lifeline of our missionary work. Without the Cooperative Program we could not do the great work with the proficiency and effectiveness that has been manifested in our convention.

LEST WE FORGET

Let us not become "bogged down" in the call of special needs of our agencies and institutions, to the neglect of our current work being carried on through the means of the Cooperative Program.

With the call of the Foreign Mission Board for a great "Advance," let us move out in calling upon our people to give a tenth, at least; to give lovingly; but above all, to give sacrificially that the name of our Lord be proclaimed to all peoples.

Our prayer must be—God give us wisdom to meet in the best way the needs that come unto us; give us compassion to love men who are in sin; give us grace to go unto men with the message of redemption! Give us wisdom not to forget the lessons we felt we had learned.

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CLARKSDALE COMPLETES EDUCATIONAL ANNEX

The Clarksdale Baptist Church has just completed a new educational building at a cost of \$120,000. The three-story, brick structure was added to the original church building, which the congregation plans to remodel in the near future.

The new addition contains nine assembly rooms, 48 class rooms, three offices, one parlor, 11 closets, a steel fire escape, three water fountains, three 2-faced clocks and five 54-inch window fans. All the floors are of tile.

On Sunday, May 29, the church held an Appreciation Day for the new educational building. During the morning worship hour members of the congregation talked on what the new building means to the church. In the afternoon open house was held. Lovely gifts of flowers were presented by other churches of the city, and a large number of visitors attended.

Dr. F. K. Horton is pastor.

AN ALTAR IN THE HOME WILL ALTER ANY HOME

By DR. MERRILL D. MOORE

For twenty-one years it was my joyous privilege to be a pastor, and for other years to serve as president of a Christian college and in other posts of duty which put me in close touch with homes and the products of homes. I have not known a divorce in a home that prayed together daily in a family altar where a true spirit of worship was maintained. I have not known serious friction of trouble to persist in a home where the family altar was a regular part of that home.

But I have known critical problems to yield a regular family prayer and Bible study. I scarcely know a "problem child" to come from a home where the family circle was "unbroken" each day about the place of prayer. Certain cases which come to my mind point up and prove these wise words, "When a family prays together, it stays together."

What can any church do during this year of 1949 that is more important than the establishment of family altars in the homes of its membership? Is missions more important? Is stewardship? Is evangelism? Is teaching? Is training?

All of these will continue only in proportion as Christian faith is learned in the home. And religion is taught very little in the home that is without a family altar.

An altar in the home will alter any home.

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Progress at Seminary in Zurich Is Bright Spot in European Missions

A bright spot in the European mission outlook is the progress of the European seminary in Zurich. Twenty-one students have already applied for enrollment next September and double that number are expected before the first session begins. Eight different countries and eleven nationalities are represented among the applicants for admission. Chaplain Peter E. Cullom, stationed in Japan, saw the new seminary property on a recent trip to Europe and wrote the Board: "I firmly believe the Lord had that house built for a Baptist seminary."

In Italy our position was never more favorable, Missionary W. Dewey Moore writes, and the missionaries sometimes feel almost overwhelmed with the opportunities for evangelism. But in Spain no change has taken place in the matter of religious liberty. A roving correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune wrote recently after an investigation of conditions in Spain:

"The Protestant clergyman in Spain suffers much the same type of persecution as the Roman Catholic clergy endure in Communist Hungary. The same fear motivates both oppressions. As in Hungary, where the Catholic Church is regarded as the most dangerous enemy of the Red dictatorship, so in Spain are the Protestants looked upon as an evil force bent on disrupting the existing order—the Spanish way of life."

In Communist-dominated areas of Europe the situation is still distressing, and seems to be worsening. Romania and Hungary are almost completely cut off from communication with Baptists in America.